

Minutes of Old Town Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
January 12, 2023

This meeting was held via Zoom. Present at this meeting were Chair Betsy Wosko, Vice Chair Corina Laws, Director Derrith Lambka, Director Jeannie Maguire, and Doug Thomas. Minutes prepared by Chair Betsy Wosko.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the November 10, 2022 board meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was deferred to next month's meeting.

Betsy discussed the December 20, 2022 State of the Urban Forest Report and City decision to not take any action, at least for now, due to staffing shortages. The report found citywide canopy increase; with three neighborhoods, including First Addition and Forest Highlands, with canopy loss. The Urban Forest Committee, which Betsy attended, and organized by the Oswego Lake Watershed Council, discussed the report at its Friday, January 6, 2023 meeting. There was some critical input. Doug suggested broad-based neighborhood association involvement, a point well taken.

Discussion was held regarding recommending, again, reconstituting the Natural Resources Advisory Board, thereby separating it from Parks & Rec.

Betsy noted the Neighborhood Chairs Committee, consistent with goal 1 of the Comprehensive Plan ("Citizen Involvement"), asked for volunteers to be observers at advisory board meetings. Betsy volunteered to sit in on Sustainability Advisory Board meetings. Jeannie welcomed an observer for Historic Resources Advisory Board ("HRAB") meetings.

Jeannie discussed HRAB's mission and work. HRAB promotes and fosters the historic, educational, architectural, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the identification, preservation, restoration, and protection of structures, sites, objects, districts, and yes, trees, including Old Town's beloved Peg Tree. They have 72 sites currently. HRAB has a fruitful partnership with the Lake Oswego Preservation Society. HRAB will bestow its annual award to some lucky recipient in May. Jeannie, thank you for your good work on HRAB!

Jeannie noted the second iron workers' cottage at 143 Church St. has been restored, as opposed to demolished.

Derrith discussed the pickleball issue. A neighborhood pickleball meeting was held last night. Derrith will speak for Old Town NA at the Jan 17, 2023 City Council meeting on this subject. What we expect are three motions: (1) will we put a dome over the courts; (2) will we continue pickleball at Geo. Rogers Park; and (3) where, if anywhere, will we build new pickleball courts.

Holiday door-to-door caroling was a hit and we will perhaps consider it again next year.

Discussion regarding changing board meeting times from 7 p.m. to an earlier time, such as 5:30 or 6 p.m., will be deferred. We may try incrementally moving the time earlier for future meetings.

Doug very kindly offered to help with our Old Town NA website and to add DVDs to our little library house. Thank you, Doug!

Betsy will prepare an OTNA board roster for distribution to board members.

Upon motion, properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.