

# OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2024

On Feb 8, 2024, Old Town Neighborhood Association held its board meeting via Zoom. Present were Director Derrith Lambka, Director Jeannie McGuire, Chair Betsy Wosko, and Doug Thomas.

Upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was called to order at about 7:05 PM.

The Treasurer's report, as relayed to the undersigned prior to the meeting, is as follows: we have \$399 in our checking account.

The Board sends its heartfelt condolences to Laurie for the loss of her beloved Barney. Barney was a very lucky dog to have been loved so well.

Our website traffic is low but steady. Specifically, from January 6 to February 5, 2024, we had 56 visits, of whom 40 were unique visitors. Of the 56 visits, 34 were from mobile phones, 10 from desktop computers, three from tablets, and one from other. Of the 40 unique visitors, 22 found us directly, 16 found us through Google, or Facebook, and two through the cities website. Of the 40 unique visitors, 11 were returning; 29 were new.

We had a discussion about emergency preparedness. Old Town is not alone in having difficulty getting emergency prep plans off the ground and running. Much of that has to do with the lack of a comprehensive email or contact list of all residents at a given time. Thoughts included having captains assigned to zones, perhaps two per zone; captains would go door-to-door to meet everyone in their zone and give them a handout and the captains' phone numbers. Betsy will reach out to Riverbend condos to see if the property manager there would kindly let owners there know of our website address and, inter alia, encourage people to visit the emergency preparedness information on our website. It would be useful to have a one page summary of information on paper that people can put on their refrigerator or tape to a wall in their garage. The idea is at our next meeting to assign captains and give those captains 30 days to go door-to-door in their zones and get this done. Such personal contact is an integral first step, especially considering that in the event of a major catastrophe, cell phone towers may be down. After that is done, the board will decide on next steps.

Doug suggested and all agreed we have Bonnie Hirshberger as a guest presenter at either a neighborhood gathering outside at the park or perhaps at a general meeting on the subject of emergency prep.

Announcements included the Mayor's Roundtable at City Hall on Thursday, February 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM where the subjects will be parking, pathways, and 2024 city council goals; hands only CPR training Saturday, February 17 at the main fire station (300 B Ave.) and Thursday, February 22, at 6 PM at Westlake Fire Station which is at Westlake Park. LO for Love will have a Pride Day June 2, 2024, from 12 to 4 PM. Their website is [www.pridelo.org](http://www.pridelo.org). Kudos to Doug for his involvement on the LO for Love board and helping to make this very good event happen.

Upon motion, duly seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at about 8:10 PM.

Betsy Wosko  
Acting Secretary

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