

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Thursday, September 14, 2023

The meeting was “hybrid” with the in-person meeting at the Iron Worker’s Cottage Museum and the on-line portion using Zoom. Chair Betsy Wosko called to order at 7:04 PM (with a motion by Carrie Kaufman, second and unanimous vote) and invited the participation of those on-line. Present in person were Carrie Kaufman, Laurie Carlson (Treasurer), Betsy Wosko (Chair), Craig Stephens (Secretary), and Bruce Glabau. On line were Jeannie McGuire and Derrith Lambka.

Craig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous (July) Board Meeting with a typo correction and Bruce seconded and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer’s Report by Laurie indicated that there is still \$424 in the account, no change.

Betsy asked for comments on the National Night Out. The number of people was encouraging with some new neighbors and old with a good time had by all. Fire and police spokespersons provided a good overview of the operations. Special thanks were given to Bruce and his wife Callene and to Derrith for all the logistics and encouraging participation. The pizzas were good and young and old enjoyed them. The pizzas were paid for by the City as part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant that Betsy submitted. Thanks to the City and to Betsy!!

Betsy mentioned that the picnic shelter on the lower level is nearing completion and is beautiful in design. Jon Gustafson was effective at having the design be appropriate to the location and other structural forms nearby. Carrie mentioned that the City has projected completion by the end of September in response to her inquiry.

Jeannie will be having spinal surgery Oct. 24th and we all wish her well with several offers to help during her recovery.

Announcements from the Chair:

- Betsy mentioned that a photograph by Corina Laws, the Vice Chair of OTNA, was part of a rotating collage of LO photos on the City website.
- The City Council has declared September Meals on Wheels Month. (The Adult Community Center is putting together 150 Emergency Food Boxes for Lake Oswego’s Meals on Wheels participants. You can drop off non-perishable food items at the ACC through Friday, September 29.)
- The last opportunity to sign up to be on the citizen advisory committee for the Urban and Community Forestry Plan will be Sept. 15. The input from this will go to the Tech Advisory Committee and the combined output from that will go to the City Council. The product of this

activity is to be the Parks Plan 2030 which will replace the existing Parks Master Plan which Ivan Anderholm, Director of Parks, has indicated is “obsolete”. Editor Note: A “Workshop” for Tree Protection Plans and Tree Code Violations will be held Thursday, September 28, 1 to 2 PM at City Hall. The workshop will be led by Senior Code Enforcement Specialist Bill Youngblood and the City’s contract Arborist Morgan Holen.

- Sunday, September 17, from Noon to 7 PM at Millennium Plaza Park a “Cultural Xchange” event will be held featuring funky soul music, food, martial arts and other multicultural festival features.

The October General Meeting which will include voting for the new OTNA officers and board members for 2023-2024 was discussed. The Worker’s Cottage was proposed as the venue but the general feeling was that it is too small and cramped to accommodate the meeting. An alternative location, hopefully in the Lakewood Theater Complex on a day and room that is not in conflict with other schedules. Speakers at the meeting are to be Rich Hatfield, the manager of all aspects of the Xerces Society’s work on bumble bees and Leah Puhlman who is an Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener who champions hosting mason bees, 30,000 in 2021 alone. An announcement of the date, location and details of the meeting are to be sent out courtesy of the City with their mailing list which is provided as a service to neighborhoods twice a year. Derrith will handle publicity, Carrie along with Craig and Betsy will handle noshes and coffee/tea and a slate of willing Board Members will be provided along with a request for nominations in the meeting by or for anyone present.

A motion to adjourn was made by by Derrith, seconded and accepted by a unanimous vote of those attending at 8:30 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary

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