

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2022

The meeting was held by Zoom with Chair Betsy Wosko as host. Following a motion by Carrie Kaufman and a second with unanimous approval, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendees: Chair Betsy Wosko, Secretary Craig Stephens, Director Carrie Kaufman, Director Ali Afghan, Director Derrith Lambka (by phone) and Director Jeannie McGuire.

Also present were guests Diane Scurlock, resident of Old Town; Phillip Sterling, resident of Old Town; and Bruce and Callene Glabau, residents of Old Town.

The Minutes from the previous (February) Board Meeting were read with no objection. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Carrie Kaufman, seconded and unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Kaufman indicated that Laurie Carlson was unable to attend the meeting but that the amount in the Treasury was \$200 plus \$300 to be deposited as received from the Chair of the Preservation Society returning part of the expenditure by OTNA Board Chair Betsy Wosko for the right to object to the design aspects of the picnic structure in the lower GRP area that is being rebuilt. Betsy explained that she donated \$700 to the Society to pay their fee to object after the OTNA Board meeting by phone was ruled to be inadequate to support the objection that OTNA was allowed to make in support. Thank you Betsy and thank you Jon Gustafson! The design was worked out (between Jon and City Planners) to be smaller and more architecturally compatible and reflecting a more desirable design reflecting the one in Foothills but on a smaller scale.

Pickle Ball Meetings and Status: Craig Stephens reviewed the meetings held with neighbors concerned with the Pickle Ball in George Rogers Park (GRP) and the impacts on near neighbors and even neighbors not so near who wish to see that GRP is utilized in a manner that is consistent with the promise of a neighborhood compatible Park as stated in the LO Parks Master Plan. Council Meetings are to be held on the first and third Tuesday in May, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. Parks and Rec. Advisory Board (PRAB) will meet May 18 and at that meeting PRAB will decide the issue of closing the Pickle Ball Courts in GRP as has been requested at both Council meeting and PRAB meeting by concerned neighbors of GRP and also by a unanimous vote of the OTNA Board.

Craig further mentioned that Sandy Inversato, co-Chair of PRAB, has indicated that she will propose forming a task force to conduct a site relocation survey that considers all the important factors and ensures no conflict for Pickle Ball so that it can move from GRP where those factors were not considered and are not adequate. Sandy has come to our neighborhood and has been a good listener to our complaints that this location is incompatible with the neighborhood, but she has warned that there are no "Yes" votes on PRAB for the question the Council has proposed based on our request to Council "Should the Pickle Ball Courts in GRP be shut down?"

Bruce and Callene Glabau have offered to circulate another petition to be signed indicating agreement to the closing of the courts in GRP. Ali Afghan suggested that the stated ask be maintained as closing the courts and not anything less even though that proposal is considered by PRAB as a non-starter. Ali mentioned that inconsistency in the request would show a weakening in the objection when in fact the objection is still as strong as before if not more so. Derrith Lambka said that the more people that sign the petition the better for influencing PRAB. Jeannie McGuire said that it was important to show numbers at the City Council meeting. It was agreed that a meeting should be held after the PRAB work session meeting on Weds. April 20 and discuss next steps.

Several proposals were made regarding next steps, contacting key people with the City and/or the Council and reviewing the results of the noise study to be conducted as we were informed by Ivan Anderholm via Chair Betsy, the normal communication route.

Craig Stephens proposed submitting a Neighborhood Enhancement Proposal (NEP) grant proposal to reimburse funding a new informative map of bronze plaque locations in Old Town to replace the old one that is on the podium on Leonard Street near the rehabilitation facility and the stairs to the shopping center. The reason it should be replaced is that it has deteriorated on the edges and is increasingly difficult to keep clean. It needs to be replaced with one in better shape that would eliminate the typo, orient with the viewer, show the "You Are Here" with a red dot, indicate where the Iron Worker's Cottage History Museum is located and denote the Native American statue and interpretive display near the "beach" area. Chair Betsy said that she would photograph it and send to the Board Members for consideration of replacement. Craig will try to get an estimate of cost from Corinna Campbell-Sack.

Jeannie McGuire suggested that consideration be given to changing the time of the meeting from 7 PM to an earlier time. This was generally agreed although meeting earlier might encroach on working hours for some members so Chair Betsy will investigate. Jeannie McGuire had concerns about time to complete. Carrie Kaufman indicated that the deadline for request submittal is May 31<sup>st</sup> and that the deadline for completion is June 2023 so there is plenty of time for design and purchase as well as easy installation where the existing one to be replaced is now.

Jeannie also suggested meeting in person and at the Workers Cottage and Betsy verified that the Worker's Cottage was available for our meetings. The decision on that will be made by Chair Betsy prior to the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carrie Kaufman, seconded, and unanimously approved at approximately 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Craig Stephens, Secretary