

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022

The meeting was held by Zoom with Chair Betsy Wosko as host. Following a motion by Corina Laws and a second with unanimous approval, the meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Attendees: Chair Betsy Wosko, Vice Chair Corina Laws, Treasurer Laurie Carlson, Secretary Craig Stephens, Director Carrie Kaufman, Director and Director Jeannie McGuire

A Motion was made by Craig to approve the May 12 Minutes from the previous Board meeting as read and seconded. This was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Laurie Carlson reported that the balance in the bank for the Association is now \$500 thanks to the \$300 from Betsy.

Chair Betsy Wosko said that the request for an NEP grant to create a website for the Old Town Neighborhood had been submitted to the City and that we are now waiting for a response. Betsy asked each Board Member to comment on what they would like to see the website provide and she answered basic questions about how it would function and be maintained. There is a \$10 per month hosting fee but it is possible to have "ads" that pay to mention their name. Some creative ideas were heard and following the example of neighborhoods who have been successful was mentioned. One of the two bidders was proposing WordPress as the host which is well known and easy to use. A few on the Board have offered to help with maintaining and posting new information and basic information about the neighborhood would be made available with a photo gallery. One bid for constructing the website is \$2500. The other is \$3900 with our request covering either which will be decided after further discussion of the desired outcome and/or with feedback from the City.

Mention was made by Betsy of the addition of an "acoustic blanket" on the sides and back of the pickleball court that was an experiment to see if the noxious noise level was reduced. According to Craig, it was not reduced, in fact the noise "echoes" off the blanket making it sound louder. The hours of play have been reduced (the hours are posted on the back gate) and fewer people are now playing per day as noted by Laurie. Measured noise levels have not been released by the City.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by the Vice Chair, Corina Laws. It was suggested that she now ask those serving if they would be willing to be nominated again for the Board with their present position or a different one and she so asked those present. None declined. Chair Betsy agreed to be nominated for another year and appreciated the strong vote of confidence of those present. All nominees will be voted on at the October General Meeting in accord with the By-Laws. Hopefully we will have at least a full slate to fill all positions so encourage participation!

A discussion of speakers to be invited to speak at the General Meeting resulted in asking the following people if they could speak to our neighborhood and inform us as to the approach the City is taking relative to specific issues of interest:

David Smith regarding the effort to equip neighborhood response leaders with 2-way radios and use them to communicate effectively in an emergency requiring them.

Martha Bennett, the City Manager

The new Police Chief

The Fire Chief

Mayor Joe Buck

Betsy said that she would contact the above to see if our meeting could fit with their schedule and if they would share philosophy and activity status with our Neighborhood at the General Meeting. It was mentioned that Evergreen Neighborhood had David Smith talk at their General Meeting and that Phil Rossi, our neighbor, was active in radio communications for emergencies.

It was agreed that the October General Meeting would be held on the first Thursday in October, October 6th, instead of the usual second Thursday in October to accommodate the fact that Betsy will be traveling to Europe starting Oct. 7 and given that it is critical that Betsy be present for the General Meeting. Laurie will schedule the Lakewood Center meeting room downstairs. We will arrange to have small bites to eat and coffee and tea and Jeannie will be asked to have the raffle for flowers as per our custom. There is a possibility that there will be a new pandemic variant that will force the meeting to be held by Zoom but as of now the plan will be to have the meeting to be in person.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carrie Kaufman, seconded, and unanimously approved at approximately 8:50.

Respectfully submitted

Craig Stephens, Secretary