

**MINUTES**  
**NOTICE BOARD MEETING**  
**December 12, 2016**

7:30 P.M.

Portner's Landing Community Room

**Present:** Agnes Artemel, Matt Hennesy, Howard Middleton, Tom Soapes, Clarence Tong, Christa Watters, Roger Waud, Anne White-Olson, Fran Zorn.

**Guest:** Sergeant Sean Casey

**Call to Order:** Tom Soapes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Sgt. Casey:** Sgt. Casey reported on local crime issues, including at 900 N. Royal Street, where homeless folks were drinking in Montgomery Park in the dark. Also at 400 Madison Street (Alexandria House) a wallet was stolen from someone in the laundry room. Other issues were larceny reports from vehicles left unlocked. Outside of our direct neighborhood, several robberies were reported near Braddock Metro. He reminded us to report questionable activities and keep our areas well lighted. He will send a message we can forward to our members about good ways to stay safe.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership:** Clarence reported a balance of \$10,523.31 as of the end of November. That amount has since been reduced as Tania at Blue Sapphire, our newsletter designer, had submitted bills for several recent issues that she had previously neglected to submit. Clarence also will pay the P.O. Box bill before year's end and help with the transition of accounts to the new treasurer.

Membership stands at 112 households representing 172 persons.

**Audit Report:** Howard Middleton, chair, presented the Financial Report for the period 11/23/15 through 10/31/16 on behalf of the audit committee, which included Matt Hennesey and Anne White-Olson. The report found no irregularities. During the year, NOTICE received \$3,868.00 in dues and donations, compared to \$4,569.00 for the previous fiscal year. NOTICE incurred ordinary expenses of \$3,361.10 compared to \$3,945.19 for the preceding year. This resulted in a fiscal year surplus of \$506.90. The balance on hand on October 31, 2016 was \$9,089.72.

**Election of Officers for 2017:** The following individuals were elected as officers for the coming year:

President: Tom Soapes

Vice President: Clarence Tong

Secretary: Frances Zorn

Treasurer: Matt Hennesy

The remaining board members will serve at large and fill committee and ad hoc responsibilities. Clarence Tong proposed that as V.P. he will initiate the development of a stronger committee structure, including one to focus on environmental issues including the combined sewer outfall in Oronoco Bay. Agnes Artemel asked that she be added to our e-distribution list so she can post information to the Old Town North "Next Door" listserv.

**Meeting Schedule for 2017:** The board will hold regular monthly meetings on the following dates: the Mondays of January 16, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, August 14, September 11,

October 9, November 13, and December 11. No meeting is planned for July. Board members are asked to note these dates on their calendars. NOTICE membership meetings will be as follows:

Winter Social: February 23  
Spring Membership Meeting: May 18  
Fall Membership Meeting: September 21  
Annual Meeting: November 16  
(All the above gatherings are on Thursdays.)

**Web site:** Anne reported that she has made several fixes but remains unable to access certain functions and asked the board to consider recruiting outside help. The board agreed that she should seek such a person and report back. We would consider paying to finish the site.

**Motor Coach Committee:** Anne reported that the committee had submitted its recommendations to the City and was awaiting next steps and actions from staff.

**Winter Party:** The date for the winter party is set for Thursday, February 23, if the room can be reserved for that date. Matt was to pursue making the reservation. Clarence will send him the contact information from last year. Fran will again handle the catering. Board members should start seeking auction items.

**SAP:** The next meeting of the Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group is set for December 14. The Community Meeting originally planned for Dec. 15 has been canceled, though the public is welcome on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The transportation chapter and other portions of the plan are delayed, so there will be a slowdown and the final presentation to City Council will probably be delayed until May or June.

**Giant/ABC site Edens Development:** Edens representatives including attorney Cathy Puskar held a meeting at the Old Colony Motel last Thursday. Construction is slated to begin within the next quarter. The ABC store has opened in a new location in the Saul Center. Utility undergrounding and installation of pilings will be among the earliest tasks. Some street closings will be involved from time to time. The community will be notified of the timing as they refine their plan.

**Sewer System:** Eric Olson, Ernie Lehman, and Jack Sullivan of Seminary Valley recently met on the Combined Sewer issue. Erik will brief Clarence and perhaps work with the committee.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16, in the Portner's Landing Community Room.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christa Watters, Outgoing Secretary