



Evergreen Neighborhood Association

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall

Present: Wiley & Beth Campbell, Carol Goss, Dave & Marie Pinch, Tom Newton, Dave Hawley, Cindy Knowles, Diane Grover, Jim Verdick, Jeri Brittell, Rod Birney, Yahya Nadler, Carl & Kris Mower, Jeff & Judy Harris, Colin Jacobs, Geoff Lowe, Diana Boom

Guest: Dave Smith, Deputy Fire Marshall

Tom Newton, ENA Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00.

Dave Smith, Emergency preparedness

Dave gave an overview of LO's emergency services, which are provided by fire and police personnel. In case of a major disaster, such as the Cascadia earthquake, emergency personnel will only be able to help the most critical cases. Plan to be without city services, water, power, and cel phone service for days or weeks.

The city continues to encourage people to make their own disaster plans. Some individuals and some neighborhoods have done this. Grants are available for neighborhoods, which are given training and supplies so that neighbors can help each other. Another class of CERT training will begin soon and is open to everyone. Prep/LO is a volunteer organization that offers education and training. Check the ENA website for links.

As a part of Dave's presentation he wanted to share the following information about upcoming events:

Community Emergency Response Training

(CERT): <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/citymanager/community-emergency-response-teams-cert>

Emergency Radio Communications: <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/fire/emergency-communications>

This page has some links to the videos we have developed describing some of the various radios available and how to use them along with how to prepare a 72 hour kit. At the bottom, there are several guides that neighborhood associations can print and use as a guide to conduct their own training exercises. This also provides information on the local GMRS repeater and the weekly check-in radio net that occurs every Monday night at 7:00 PM. Anyone with an FRS radio can listen to the weekly net with their radio on Channel 17.

Following is a link to a page on our website for the training exercise we are planning on Saturday June 11th. There are instructions at the bottom on how anyone can sign up to participate or receive more information. We will be sending out a link on Wednesday for a webinar on June 2nd, Thursday night at 7:00 pm to provide participants with additional background. <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/fire/lofd-radio-communications-exercise>



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Introductions:

Following Dave's presentation attendees all introduced themselves prior to starting the formal meeting.

A. Monthly Reports

1. Treasurer - Dave Hawley reported a balance of \$1999.60 in ENA account. Diana made a motion to donate \$100 to Our Lady of the Lake. OLL has offered us meeting rooms for the past several years, and with in-person meetings resuming, we hope to again meet here. Motion approved. Diana will write the letter. Dave will write the check.

2. Approval of Minutes - March 16 board meeting. Unanimous approval.

3. Land Use Applications - nothing to report

4. Tree Committee - Diana, Cindy, Dave H. There's a new application to cut down 3 very large and healthy trees at 825 Ellis Ave for the purpose of building a new home with full basement. Cindy & Diana visited the site. Other than making room for construction, there is no reason to cut down these trees. Diana has talked to the arborist and will talk to the applicant to see if plans can be amended to save these trees. If not, ENA will recommend denial of the application. If the city approves it, ENA can appeal to DRC, and then to City Council. Diana made a motion, Diane seconded, to appeal approval by staff to the DRC. And if necessary, to appeal DRC's decision to City Council.

5. Hospitality - no hospitality chair

6. Real Estate - Tom emailed his report to the board and posted it on ENA site. Home prices are going crazy. There were two homes listed \$3.6 million.

7. Correspondence - Tom & Diana - nothing to report

B. Old Business

1. Traffic Committee - Wiley reported that after nearly 2 years, the city has not enforced the directive to cut back the hedge on Evergreen at 10th because it blocks visibility and is dangerous to pedestrians. Discussion about how to get the city to respond to traffic issues, mainly speeding and running stop signs.

2. Neighborhood Survey - Since the city recently conducted a community survey it was decided that the ENA would not conduct their own complete survey. Instead, the ENA will ask for specific feedback on important issues, one issue at a time using our newsletter.



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3. Flooding on 5th Street - Jeff & Judy Harris live at 101 5th St, where they and neighbors have problems due to flooding and water runoff. This is ongoing [see previous minutes] and Jeff reports it's getting worse. Neighbors can support them by contacting the city public works dept. There was a discussion about other problems and how the city responds.

4. North Shore Bridge - Tom said work will begin in the Fall and the street will be closed off to both traffic and pedestrians.

5. Holiday Party - Diane Grover agreed to coordinate the party this year. Possible date of December 2nd. Everyone should be thinking of locations - possible city hall, Heritage House. She will contact Grant Johnstone about having the party at his office building.

C. New Business

1. Future of the ENA - Tom led a discussion about whether we have the support to continue as a viable neighborhood assn. Not being able to meet due to the pandemic was harmful. Consensus is that we should continue and will need more engagement from members for officer positions in the future.

D. Nominating Committee, Election of Officers & Board Members - Diane reported that while 3 board members did not want to continue, we have 9 who do. Tom agreed to serve as Chair for another year; Diana as secretary again; and Dave H as treasurer. Six other board members will stay. Yahya Nadler volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair.

On unanimous vote, we elected the board for 2022-23: Tom Newton (chair), Yahya Nadler (vice-chair), Dave Hawley (treasurer), Diana Boom (sect), Cindy Knowles, Colin Jacobs, Dave Pinch, Diane Grover, Geoff Lowe, Wiley Campbell.

E. Announcements / Other

Next board meeting will be September 14th at 7pm. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned around 9pm.

Submitted by Diana Boom.