

## OSW Community Meeting MINUTES Thursday 11/17/2022

Prepared by: Mary Anne Mather

6:00-6:30 Social

WELCOME: Who is new to OSW meetings? Who is new to OSW in 2022?

**OSW meeting called to order:** 6:30pm

**Board present:** Mark Hostetter (pres), Mary Anne Mather, Terry McGuire, Elaine Fleck, Julie Mugford, Julie Gale, Mary Jo Gale

**Board absent:** David Jeavons (Treas), Phillip Morgan, Clay Trinkle (sec), Erica Danko (V-P)

**Attendees:** ?? neighbors, 2 presenters for ABC

### Call to Order

Approve Oct. community meeting minutes PASSED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Mary Anne: TY to Anne-Marie Drake for providing the social refreshments. Shirley & Rick Poss volunteered to host the social for the January 19, 2023 OSW Community Meeting.

--**OSW Festival of Lights Dec. 3-31:** Online registration for cash prizes: details TBA. Registration open until mid-December. Encourage decorating by Dec. 3 to light the night for Parlor Tour! Prizes awarded week of 12/26.

--**OSW Parlor Tour Dec. 3 & 4:** Annual OSW Fundraiser – supports Gish Hse. & OSW projects. Still only \$20 to view 6+ OSW historic homes!

--**Pocket Park Fall Tree Planting & Garden Prep Dec 10:** corner Day Ave/8th St SW. Requested newspapers, cardboard and leaves in paper bags only.

### --REQUESTS for Pocket Park:

Newspapers for mulch. Drop-off anytime in bin outside Gish House & leaves in paper bags ONLY (12/3-10). Drop-off logistics TBA.

--**Organizational Meeting of OSW Board Dec. 13:** 7pm Gish Hse. Old & new members to elect officers & reflect on the past year's work.

--**December OSW Community Holiday Social Dec. 15:** Gish House, 6:30 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) "Food with Friends" pot luck & BYOB. (UPDATE: This was later changed to desserts only and then to pizza cookies, coffee & cider provided and donated treats encouraged.)

### PRESENTERS

ABC Agents Austin & Todd: Update on Southwest Market violations/issues.

ABC brought up our concerns at the last meeting of the Code Team. Looking for

public consumption of alcohol or under-age drinking. There are two ABC licenses on the property (the gas station & the Chinese restaurant). Community shared what we have noticed. Issues: Panhandling, trash, loitering, consuming alcohol on site, people relieving themselves in the alley. The community also asked about alerting the absentee property owners, as well as the business managers about the issues. Market has had many calls for service—71 in the past year. Community asked how ABC can monitor. First step: ABC will do an inspection, explain the problems & community concerns (same promise made to OSW at 8/2022 OSW community meeting). ABC will report back to the President before the end of 2022. Eventually ABC may need dates, times, pictures. New agent contact is Rachael Golf. Residents can make an online complaint (need URL). ABC suggested OSW community meet with individual licensees to find mutual solutions. OSW Inc. felt ABC needed to complete the license inspection and report back to the neighborhood before planning an alternate strategy. Other avenues: OSW can report to city code reps for trash and other violations.

ACTION IDENTIFIED: ABC will do an inspection, explain the problems & community concerns and determine if there are any ABC license violations. ABC will report back to the President before the end of 2022. ABC will provide URL for online complaints.

## 1. OSW BUSINESS

### 1. Board Elections & Committees

A. President: Briefly explained OSW non-profit organization & Board composition: 4 officers, 7 members-at-large. Regular meeting nights expectations for Board members (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) & who gets to vote.

B. Mary Anne Mather: Reviewed Committees (explained committee involvement vs. Board -- all Board members expected to participate on a committee. Reviewed the list of committee leads needed. Invited all neighbors to serve on a committee. (see list below)

C. Presented a list of Board prospect names & asked for others interested in Board and/or committee involvement.

Mark Hostetter (2<sup>nd</sup> year term as president)

???? (vice-president)

David Jeavons (treasurer)

Mary Anne Mather (recording secretary)

Phillip Morgan

Elaine Fleck

Terry McGuire

Julie Mugford

Anne-Marie Drake

Bill Dandrige

1 open at-large position

Stepping down from the Board but remaining on Committees:  
Julie Gale (Gish House & Neighborhood Safety), Mary Jo Gale (Gish House)

### **2023 OSW Committee Membership**

#### **Alexander-Gish House Rentals & Maintenance:**

Phillip Morgan, Mary Jo Gale, Julie Gale, Mark Hostetter

**Communications:** Mark Hostetter (e-new), Mary Anne Mather (social media)

#### **Fundraising:**

Parlor Tour: Phillip Morgan

Grants: Jan Keister

Special Fundraising: All Board Members

#### **Community Outreach/Membership:**

Julie Mugford (Highland Park School outreach), Stephanie Bilbrey (Welcoming, networking & supporting membership), Anne-Marie Drake, Luke Priddy

**Safety:** Julie Gale

#### **Environmental Protection, Parks & Greenspace:**

**Co-leads:** Terry McGuire, Mary Anne Mather

Elaine Fleck, Richard Normand, Trina Scott, Don Mugford, Julie Gale

Mary Jo Gale (& volunteers)

#### **Historic Preservation:**

Annmarie Drake, Bill Dandridge, Lynn Speno

Lisette Stone, an architect who lives in OSW, is being approached by Terry McGuire to lead this committee.

**Events:** Erica Danko, Clay Trinkle (needs lead)

D. Voting: No other names came forward, and a unanimous vote was cast for the Slate of Board Members as presented. PASSED

### **OPEN ISSUES**

- Steve Hite offered to promote Gish House rentals—people come into the market looking for rental venues. He also noted that people come into Sunnyside Market and know nothing about OSW. Requested promo materials.
- Steve Hite raised a concern about the safety and appearance of leaf bags stored at the Pocket Park for the 12/10 work day. This was successfully resolved after the meeting.
- The President updated on recent Gish House maintenance. The Gish House contract with the city needs to be reconsidered.
- **The President noted other outreach**

--Roanoke Children's Choir reached out, but was too short notice to coordinate with them this year—possibly next year for Parlor Tour.

--President suggested possible speakers for 2023

Animal Research Center

State Representative Sam Rasoul

• **Safety:** Issues

--Jeremy Clement, an OSW resident, was lost to a homicide in October.

--Elaine Fleck: noted people chronically running stop signs at 5<sup>th</sup> street near Sunnyside and also on 6<sup>th</sup> and Day. This is a safety issue OSW will need to organize around and take action. School safety officer noted they soon will be using radar guns near Highland Park School to stop speeding.

Adjourned 8PM