

Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Subcommittee of the OTTA Community Safety Committee
Thursday, October 21, 2020 at the home of Jeff Peters

Those Present: Sachi Maria Kubo, Brad Neuman, Jeff Peters and Judy Bross.

The meeting began at 5:10 p.m. and participants described their professional and volunteer backgrounds. Kubo and Neuman serve as members of the OTTA Board, Kubo as Chair of the OTTA Community Safety Committee, Neuman as Treasurer. The group's varied expertise includes business, finance, medical consulting, non-profits, communication and fundraising. Kubo described her participation in area police and public safety volunteer work. Peters related the afternoon break in and theft at his own home that week.

Peters and Bross, who brought the idea of this subcommittee to the OTTA board in August in light of the significant increase in neighborhood crime, will suggest a name for the subcommittee going forward and recommend possible additions to the committee.

The group began discussion of the subcommittee's role and agreed that the OTTA board should schedule soon a neighborhood meeting to listen to residents discuss this topic and then we move forward with our research of options and recommendations.

Peters suggested that there might be government money available to use for safety measures and he agreed to contact our state and national Representatives to see if this is available. The possibility of obtaining funds from Art Fair grants was raised. Bross will contact other safety groups including Howe/Orchard/Burling and Astor Street chairs to see the scope of their work.

Neuman distributed a working document for the subcommittee's consideration titled: "technology and alternatives to supplement police" which should be attached to the minutes.

Committee members will attend the October 22 OTTA-43rd Ward Walk & Talk with Alderman Michele Smith, Commander Hein and members of the OTTA board.

Kubo will ask the OTTA board to schedule a community meeting to hear suggestions about this increasing problem of crime in the Old Town Triangle. This group will meet again shortly.

Submitted,

Judy Bross, Subcommittee Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.