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Neighborhood Associations Hosts Open Meeting with Mayor Tom Potter

Portland Mayor Tom Potter was a special guest in Old Town Chinatown on Saturday, April 23. Following the invitation of the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association, the Mayor made his first official neighborhood visit and had the opportunity to hear concerns of residents, business people, property owners, human services providers, and members of the arts, history and culture community. The Open Meeting was held in the main hall of the historic Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association at 315 NW Davis.



Brian Ferschweiler, Gwen Ivory, and Dorothy Jensen share concerns with Mayor Potter at the Blanchet House.

In opening remarks that preceded a question and answer session, the Mayor thanked community members for sharing their concerns during the walking tour before the meeting. The Mayor said that he was going to get the people in the city bureaus to clearly understand their responsibility to work with the community to find solutions. "If we don't collaborate," said Potter, "it won't happen."

In discussing the expiry of the Downtown Waterfront Urban Renewal Area in 2008, the Mayor said the possible integration of part of Old Town Chinatown into the River District Urban Renewal Area was being studied. He said that the city wanted to finance more development in low income areas, including support for small businesses, through New Market Tax Credits.

When the discussion turned to housing, Mayor Potter said that the vision would be driven by developers unless the city and the communities can work together to plan for mixed-income and family housing and get homeless citizens off the streets. He stressed that if all stakeholders are at the table and a plan is put in place, then city officials can make decisions that do not create other problems.

In response to questions about law enforcement and drug rehabilitation, Potter noted that the reduced flow of federal funding to communities was a huge constraint. The Mayor acknowledged that there were not enough police, not enough jail beds, and not enough treatment facilities, saying "We as a society have to do something about this."

Other issues discussed were ways to overcome negative perceptions of the neighborhood, which many feel are at odds with the reality. Potter also cited the pedestrian-friendliness of Old Town Chinatown and urged everyone to launch a public relations effort to get people out of their cars.

Those present also discussed the possibility of providing casual labor opportunities to homeless people and the need for public toilets, and proposed some creative public private partnerships. "With people like Portlanders, how can a Mayor go wrong?" said Potter. "It's not what government can do. It's what we can do. Get involved!"

Neighborhood Activists Brief Mayor Potter on Priorities during Walking Tour

The Open Meeting with Mayor Potter followed a two-hour walking tour of the Neighborhood. More than a dozen community members took the opportunity to voice their concerns and neighborhood improvement goals in casual conversations with the Mayor. In the four months prior to the April event, working groups of stakeholders met to identify specific issues and priorities, to request certain actions from the city, and to make neighborhood commitments in preparation of the Mayor's visit. These groups examined Old Town Chinatown issues regarding

arts, history and culture, business and property, human services, and public safety and livability, all of which affect the neighborhood's diverse residents. The groups combined the results of their brainstorming and created a written "priorities and requests" list which was sent to City Hall a week before the Mayor's visit.

The Mayor's Old Town Chinatown visit began at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, where the Arts, History, and Culture Group welcomed

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Neighborhood Activists Brief Mayor Potter, continued

Mayor Potter with introductory remarks on the wealth of cultural assets in the two nationally recognized historical districts that lie within neighborhood boundaries. Next, Old Town History Project director, Dr. Jackie Peterson, led the tour into the streets, where she briefed the Mayor about the historical dynamics of the area and pointed out important landmarks.

Business leaders and property owners identify priorities and make requests

Taking a pause to escape the rain on the ground floor of the historic Globe Hotel, conversation with the Mayor turned to business and property issues. Paul Verhoeven of Saturday Public Market and Anne Naito-Campbell and Judy Van Alstyne of the Bill Naito Company, talked about the OTCTNA goal of creating a vibrant 24/7 mixed-use neighborhood while preserving its historic integrity and embracing its cultural diversity. Some concerns about creating such a neighborhood include business accessibility during construction, street-level livability, and ways to enhance the district's strengths while encouraging economic diversity.

The business and property group members made a number of specific requests on behalf of the Neighborhood Association. They asked for City supported funding for small business survival during redevelopment projects and requested a continued commitment to public safety. Further, the group asked that the City work with Union Gospel Mission to bridge the funding gap and encourage the Mission's redevelopment at NW 3rd and Burnside as it represents a community model for addressing queuing concerns and the provision of social services in a mixed-use neighborhood. Looking to future development, they asked the City to support the goal of an economically diverse 24/7 live/work neighborhood by supporting middle- to upper-income level housing north of Burnside. The neighborhood association also seeks support for the redevelopment of



Mayor Tom Potter tours Old Town Chinatown with Paul Verhoeven and other community members.

the Globe Hotel, which would serve as an OTCT catalyst project north of Burnside. Finally, the business group asked that the city undertake a study for the installation of public restrooms throughout the OTCT neighborhood, a demand echoed by all of the stakeholder groups.

Neighborhood groups made a number of commitments in the area of business and property development in order to balance these requests made of City Hall. The Old Town Visions Committee, through the framework of its Development Plan, committed to formulating a working strategy for business retention and development in OTCT. The neighborhood also committed to supporting current public and private development initiatives as long as they support the neighborhood development plan's central vision of diversity.

Residents call on Mayor to end open-air drug market.

The residents' working group spoke with Mayor Potter about Public Safety and the pressing need to end open-air drug markets and to protect residents from drug dealing on our streets. Residents Larry Norton, Carl Roberts, and Carol McCreary accompanied the Mayor along Burnside and up 5th Avenue. During the short walk they observed a drug arrest and made a surprise visit to the lobby of the notorious Grove Hotel.

On behalf of the Neighborhood Association, the residents conveyed three requests to the Mayor: First, they asked for police coverage appropriate for a 24-hour neighborhood, including beats on foot, bicycle, and horseback by uniformed and non-uniformed officers; such a presence will help prevent crimes relating to drug dealing. Second, they asked that the city use its influence with the county to leverage increased administrative capacity for law enforcement. The



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residents cited the need for more jail beds, for better coordination among various police agencies, for more complete drug enforcement statistics, and for a drug free zone for misdemeanor offenses. Third, residents requested enhanced cooperation and communication with the police forces patrolling the neighborhood. Specifically, they asked for a revitalized Block Captain Program, an increase in dialogue between residents and the police officers assigned to the neighborhood, keeping the same officers over time, having foot patrols talk with people, encouraging officers in cruisers to ride with windows down and to make eye contact, and making the 3rd Ave police sub-station more accessible to residents. The city was also asked to support neighborhood efforts to install additional street lighting, alter problematic architectural elements, and add surveillance equipment at high-crime locations, such as the area of Burnside and Couch bordered by 4th and 6th Avenues. Finally, residents called for a process whereby community groups, city agencies, and the Police Bureau outline the contributions they will make to solving specific neighborhood problems.

In turn, the residents reiterated a number of OTCTNA commitments to the Mayor. The neighborhood pledged to continue its public support of the Access program and increased police presence, and to continue collaboration with city and county agencies.

Non-profits advocate for space for community services

Representatives of human service non-profits discussed their concerns with Mayor Potter over sandwiches at the Blanchet House. Gwen Ivory of Sisters of the Road Café, Brian Ferschweiler of Blanchet House, and Dorothy Jensen and Bob Granger of Outreach on Burnside shared the views of a working group that also included Crossroads, Downtown Chapel, Rose Haven, Our Peaceful Place, Macdonald Center, Zimmerman Community Center, Transition Projects, Central City Concern, Union Gospel Mission, Portland Rescue Mission, and several residents.

Members of this group explained to the Mayor that the continued provision of a spectrum of community services offered in the neighborhood depends on the availability of space. Space increases the

options for low-income residents to address livability issues and tackle problems while enriching their lives.

The representatives of human services organizations advocated for the creation and upkeep of public restrooms and the development of a community center to house recreational activities, educational programming, meeting spaces, and a reading room. The group specified that the request for a neighborhood community center be considered in addition to the "Access Center" envisioned in the city's 10-year plan. Stakeholders told the Mayor they appreciated the City's current "Livability" initiatives to address homelessness and related issues and that OTCT businesses, human service organizations, and residents were committed to supporting them.



Mayor Potter talks to resident Carl Roberts during the walking tour.

The human services organizations of OTCT form "tapestry of community services" focused on meeting the human, social, educational, spiritual, and recreational needs of all segments of the neighborhood, especially the needs of low-income residents. Human services leaders restated their commitment to collaboration and collective service and to current public and private initiatives as long as they support the vision of diversity that is central to the neighborhood development.

Old Town Chinatown stakeholders shared Old Town Chinatown's diverse concerns with Mayor Potter, who visited to understand and experience our unique Portland neighborhood.

We at the *Crier* are committed to covering Old Town Chinatown. The volunteers who put this magazine together live here, work here, explore here, play here, and find the neighborhood endlessly fascinating and diversely rich. Usually that means we focus on the individuals who give OTCT its many flavors; we focus on the businesses who open their doors to us; we focus the non-profit organizations who show us all how to give more of ourselves to others. This issue, we have focused on the developmental direction of our neighborhood. Where are we going, and how will we get there? Be an active participant, not a passive witness. Attend meetings, volunteer, make your voice heard. After all, OTCT is your neighborhood. Make a difference.

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Fading into the Westwind

By Keith Vann, Neighborhood activist and former Old Town resident

On a corner of NW Flanders and Sixth sits a special place, the humble Westwind Hotel and Apartments. A single sign on the sidewalk announces that rooms with refrigerators are available for rental by the month. There is a table just inside the front window, where the desk assistant sits. He or she acts as the gatekeeper for the Westwind, which is more a residence than a hotel.

Back when I had “occasion” to stay there in early 2000 (and again in mid 2001), the place was jumpin’. People were coming in and out off the street all the time. The resident drug dealers would service their clientele within a stone’s throw of the hotel door. The resident prostitute had clients in and out so regularly that the doorkeeper wouldn’t even raise an eyebrow, so long as they paid the \$5 guest fee. Residents and their street guests would carelessly lounge on the entry room couches all day long making conversation, playing games, drinking soda, and cooking popcorn in the microwave. It was all very daunting for a prospective resident.

If the old stories about the place were any indication, the Westwind of the 80’s was more like the “wild west”. According to Jack, who used to man the front desk, at the top of the stairwell sat a very nasty character toting a shotgun. If he didn’t recognize you as a drug dealer, pimp, or a frequent customer, you didn’t come up. Past that point, on the three upper floors, illegal narcotics and cut-rate booze were said to flow like water. Unsuspecting tricks were turned, burned, and expelled with empty pockets. Police raids were regular occurrences. It was definitely not a recommended place for a casual visitor to Portland. Fortunately, things changed dramatically when Mike, the current owner, took over.

Certainly, there were still the usual street toughs – hardened, scarred, and grizzled folks whom you would never want to encounter alone in the dark. There were still the people wildly acting out under the influence of drink, drugs, or mental illness. Many of the residents still looked as if they had led very hard and brutal lives. Yet, there were also plenty of folks whom you’d normally never associate with a “seedy downtown hotel” - working people who guarded their privacy, single moms with kids, buzz-cut veterans, quiet elderly folks, and one or two white-collar dropouts like myself.

Naturally there was some unavoidable conflict, yet there was also plenty of life-affirming and healing community. People would gather in each other’s “homes” (as they called their rooms) to share stories and good times. People sought each other out, as well, for comfort in the face of loss or calamity. At the Westwind, people had lives – real lives, lives that they had painstakingly reclaimed from the chaos of homelessness, domestic abuse, or other crises in their pasts. In my book, rebuilding a life is clearly an achievement worth celebrating.

As an ex- Silicon Valley yuppie, I could easily discount the so-called “worthless” people who lived there and the “pointless” lives that they led. I could well shout “Let’s clear these vagrants out and bulldoze the place!”, and raise echoes of support from eager developers. I could exclaim “Replace this roach-infested eyesore with a clean new condo tower, like in the Pearl!”, and earn widespread homeowner acclaim.

What Portlanders need to understand is that places like the Westwind are critical resources that the City can ill afford to discard, especially now, with affordable housing virtually non-existent. The Westwind is a haven. It’s a haven for all sorts of under-appreciated people with virtually nowhere else to go. Disabilities, addictions – no problem! Criminal history – don’t care! Past eviction – (unless from the Westwind itself) irrelevant! People who wouldn’t be welcome anywhere else are welcomed at the Westwind.

The customary knee-jerk response to places like the Westwind is to demolish them, with absolutely no care about the consequences to the people who live there – those who call it “home.” I find it disturbing that people get so sanctimonious over drug dealers and users finding sanctuary in “low-rent” places like the Westwind, when the sad irony is that far greater numbers of college-educated drug dealers and addicts routinely conduct their business in \$400,000 luxury condos, and yet there is scarcely any public outcry!

What makes the Westwind special is not what it is, but the vast and increasing population of discarded, under-valued, yet still precious human beings that well-scrubbed Portlanders rarely ever see or read about. These are the forgotten people, many of whom, if given the right chance, could well play vital roles in helping to create the Portland that we all dream about. In the City’s mad rush to convert Old Town into the next Pearl, let’s not forget the thousands of real people very much like us, though they may be impoverished, who deserve to be part of that future as well.

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Welcome New Businesses

Warm weather has arrived and hot weather lurks around the corner. Just in time, Adam and Stephanie Milne have opened **Old Town Gelato**. Located just one door east of their Old Town Pizza joint at 226 NW Davis, the gelateria serves gelato and sorbet from 11am to 8 pm, Monday thru Thursday, and 11am to 11pm Friday and Saturday. Gelato is frozen refreshment at its best, and the Italian style makes for a healthier ice cream than its American relative. Made with fresh and natural ingredients, whole milk-based gelato has less butter fat and calories than American ice cream, while the dairy free, water-based, fruit-pureed sorbet clocks in fat free. Gelato must be made in small batches due to its short shelf life of approximately five days. Mixed in such a way that it contains little air, gelato has a denser texture, more vibrant color, and more concentrated flavor than American ice cream. Summer treats come no better than this.

Randy Buschow and Ami Lamb have opened **Olive Café** on the second story at 208 NW Couch and serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner (503.222.2915). Balinese designer Imade Sukarua's **Pala** features eclectic food, live music and the latest in fashion at 105 NW 3rd Avenue (503.810.7165). **Pepe's Antojeria** brings southern Mexican style food for breakfast and lunch at 50 SW Pine (503.241.5275 www.elpepes.com) **Riverside Tobacco** at 2 SW Third offers sophisticated mixes of tobacco from all over the world (971.544.1200).

Marquis, Inc. recently moved in at 115 NW 1st Ave. The new offices of **Insite Web Publishing** may be contacted at 503.243.7125 or contact@iwpi.com

Among the new non-profits are **Friends of Chamber Music** at 222 NW Davis, Suite 402 and **One Economy**, a national organization that brings technology to low-income people, at 434 NW Sixth Ave. www.one-economy.com.

Happy Anniversary to Backspace

Backspace, the uber-cool, genre-defying internet café, gaming shack, and art gallery at 115 NW 5th, celebrates its **2-year Anniversary Party** July 1, 2, 3. Friday night features a slate of bands capped off with a pain threshold performance by Shift (\$10, 8pm-close; benefits go to New Avenues for Youth). A breakdance contest kicks off the action on Saturday, followed by a DJ spin till dawn (\$10, 9pm-dawn; benefits go to Friends of the Children). A raffle for a new Playstation Portable highlights Sunday's activities. For additional information, visit www.backspace.bz or call 503.248.2900

Thank you, Kevin. We miss you.



The death of our friend Kevin Montgomery-Smith has left an empty space that will be with us for many years. Kevin invested himself in Old Town Chinatown and was instrumental in founding the *Old Town Chinatown Crier* three years ago.

Shortly after moving to Portland in 2001 to take up a position with the Portland Business Alliance, Kevin showed up at a meeting of the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association and became involved from that moment on. "He was always at the table, a willing participant in improving the lives of the people in the neighborhood while at the same time representing the interests of the Business Alliance," recalls OTCTNA's Howard Weiner.

In his work emphasizing the need to provide housing for people of all income levels, and later managing the contract for Clean and Safe, Kevin had a passionate understanding of the issues and a compassionate sense of diverse interests.

As a member of the board of the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association, Kevin invited people from other neighborhoods to collaborate on shared issues. He organized the first National Night Out that brought together three neighborhoods and later chaired the Downtown Community Association.

Kevin is the man who saw the need for the *Old Town Chinatown Crier* and made it happen. He used his position within the Alliance to push forward the need for communication among people in OTCT and beyond. His efforts generated the *Crier's* original funding from the Alliance. For the first issues, he did much of the writing, proofreading, layout and distribution. He proceeded to put his buoyant energies into distribution, cultivating the *Crier's* readership and bringing neighbors together.

Kevin passed away suddenly on February 18, 2005, from a rare bacterial infection. He was 39 years old. The Old Town Chinatown Crier offers his wife, Kelly, and their three young sons our deepest sympathies. We feel blessed to have known and worked with Kevin.

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3rd & 4th Avenue Improvements Project Update

Work moves along

Construction work on Old Town Chinatown's \$5 million 3rd and 4th Avenue Streetscape project is progressing along 3rd and 4th Avenues one side at a time. Once concrete is poured, the pavement will be patched and sidewalks, driveways, and onstreet parking will be restored. During the reinstallation of streetlights, residents and business can expect the intermittent removal of onstreet parking.

Most activity should shift entirely off 3rd Avenue once these basic improvements are completed so that crews of the RCI group can work on the east side of NW 4th Avenue and on Couch Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. To accommodate the Bing Kong Society convention August 6-10, the block from Burnside to Couch will be delayed until mid-August.

A surprise under the sidewalk

Demolition of the sidewalks on the east side of NW 4th, just south of the Blanchett House, revealed several large, underground storage tanks in the area. Some of the tanks contained water, some contained oil, and one had leaked oil into the surrounding soil. The leaking underground storage tank (LUST) has been registered with DEQ; cleanup of the LUST, overseen by the city's Bureau of Environmental Services, has begun. The depth of the excavation to remove and clean up the leak requires shoring to protect the adjacent street, street utilities, and property. Both the tanks and the responsibility for cleanup costs belong to the adjacent property owner; in this case, the City of Portland.

More stories underground

There are 23 underground sidewalk basement vaults on this project, each of which gets either a new structural lid or a new wall next to the building before being filled in. Subcontractor All Concrete Specialties is doing the vault work. It is most efficient when ACS can do their work prior to excavation, otherwise the block must be done in sections (as occurred in front of Seven Stars and Magic Gardens on

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the west side of 4th). ACS worked underground at the Fritz Building on the east side of NW 3rd near Burnside, building the shoring for the new structural lid of the large vault there before moving to the north side of Couch between 3rd & 4th.

The finishing touches

The sand on the west side of NW 4th is a temporary measure to restore a level surface until black granite pavers arrive from China. When the pavers are laid, a second flurry of activity begins with the installation of hardware (bike racks, trash receptacles, SmartMeter pay stations, etc.) over the sandy areas. Once that step is completed, new street trees will be planted.

Sidewalks will remain open during these activities.

Easing the impact on businesses

Several measures are being undertaken in an effort to ease the impact of construction on area retailers and restaurateurs. The Portland Development Commission's advertising campaign reemphasizes that Old Town Chinatown is open during construction. To assist property and business owners, PDC has completed over 50 Storefront Improvement grants in the area as well as a number of predevelopment feasibility studies. The Portland Department of Transportation has developed special signage to help pedestrians navigate their way to storefronts. Additionally, PDC and PDOT are promoting the "Chinatown Challenge" to get area employers to encourage workers to patronize OTCT businesses; PDC and PDOT staff have spent more than \$6000 in personal meals, shopping, and catering from OTCT businesses. Parking vouchers good for an hour of parking at the Smartpark garage at Naito and Davis have been distributed to those restaurants most directly affected by on-street parking removals.

The City of Portland has a full-time inspector, Dan Moyer, working on this project. For additional information, please contact: Ellen Vanderslice, Project Manager, Portland Office of Transportation at 503.823.4638, or e-mail at ellen.vanderslice@pdxtrans.org

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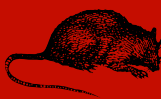
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Planning steps announced for the Ankeny/Burnside area

The next steps for the implementation of the Downtown Waterfront Development Opportunity Project (DTWF DOS) in Old Town Chinatown will begin this summer. As the Portland Development Commission (PDC) and the Bureau of Planning begin work on the Ankeny/Burnside Development Framework, residents and community members will participate in workshops, open houses and on a Stakeholder Advisory Group. The process will establish the Urban Design and Development Goals for future public and private investments for the next five years in the area.

The Development Framework will define an urban design vision and development strategy, including historic preservation. The project area includes Ankeny Plaza and the space under and around the Burnside Bridge along 1st Avenue and Naito Parkway and across the street to the Ankeny Pump House in Waterfront Park. It will complement several City plans aimed at improving the Waterfront Park area part of the implementation of the Old Town/Chinatown Vision – Development Plan, the PDC Downtown Waterfront Development Opportunities Project Report, and the Downtown Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group will be comprised of area residents, business owners, property owners, Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association and Visions Committee, Central City Committee of the Portland Business Alliance, American Institute of Architects Historic Resources Committee, Social Service Providers, Portland Saturday Market, Portland Public Market, Portland Park and Recreation Board, and Regional Arts and Cultural Council. Plans for and results of public participation will be reviewed by the Stakeholder Advisory Group and its designated subcommittees, which will advise the Project Managers, Core Project Team, Consultants, and Executive Sponsors.

The City's Bureau of Planning and PDC staff will co-manage the project. PDC will manage contracts and be responsible for carrying out recommendations within the Framework. Planning will implement any changes or updates to the historic guidelines. For further information contact Amy Miller Dowell at PDC at 503.823.3356.

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Saturday Market to move?

Old Town Chinatown's Saturday Market has grown into an internationally recognized Portland landmark. The oldest continuously operating open air crafts market in the US, it has been at its current location in Ankeny Plaza and under the Burnside Bridge for the last 28 years. Now it is anticipated that Saturday Market will need to relocate so that the Ankeny/Burnside area can be developed to create a vibrant mixed-use residential neighborhood near the downtown retail core and opposite Waterfront Park.

The Downtown Waterfront Development Opportunity Project (DTWF DOS) Report was prepared in consultation with neighborhood stakeholders and adopted by the Portland Development Commission (PDC) in November, 2003. The Report targets 1000 residential units, the reinvigoration of the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District, and the creation of a magnet at Ankeny plaza to bring people to the area 24-hours a day while addressing significant public-safety issues in the area.

Portland Saturday Market and PDC would like to work together to study potential sites for relocation. A multidisciplinary work group will be established to research alternative sites and the financial feasibility for a permanent home for Saturday Market. The parties expect the study to be ready by April 2006.

If a relocation option is deemed mutually feasible, Saturday Market would relocate by March 2007. PDC will identify and retain all necessary consultants, arrange all appropriate coordination with City Bureaus, and evaluate appropriate financial support for relocation. The parties intend to work with the Mayor's office to create a Community Advisory Board who will advise the Portland Saturday Market Board, PDC, the Planning Commissions, and City Council on site and financial options. The Advisory Board will likely consist of 10-12 individuals and include representatives of area businesses and property owners, Old Town China Town Visions Committee, Old Town China Town Neighborhood Association, and the Portland Business Alliance's Central City Committee.

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Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association Elects new Board

On May 2, 2005 the general membership of the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association elected eight new board members and reelected four to two-year terms. The talented and diverse groups of new directors include: David Adams, Scott Brumitt, Brian Ferschweiler, Terry Leckron, Dan Lenzen, Al Niknabard, Larry Norton, and John Root. Randy Capron, Carl Roberts, and Howard Weiner were reelected to the Board. Sitting board members Tom Carrollo, Kim Faucher, Carol McCreary, Bob Granger, June Arima Schumann, Judy Van Alstyne, Paul Verhoveen and Dorian Yee will complete two-year terms in March 2006. On June 7 the board elected OTCTNA officers. Chair: Tom Carrollo, Vice-Chair: Carol McCreary, Secretary: Judy Van Alstyne, Treasurer: Paul Verhoeven.

Public Safety Meeting initiates quarterly walking tour.

On May 17, OTCTNA's Public Safety Committee got out into the streets to explore some of the successes and challenges of crime prevention in Old Town Chinatown. The group toured problem areas, stopped in a shop which sells crack pipes to complain to the owner, was shown security cameras, and met with security officers at One Pacific Square (Northwest Natural building) who'd recently foiled a drug drop. The tour was led by John Root, the OTCTNA Board Member who has taken over chairmanship of the committee from its founder and long-time chair Howard Weiner. Public Safety walks are now being planned quarterly.



The Public Safety Committee tours the neighborhood.

Association Committees and Neighborhood Meetings

Membership in OTCTNA and attendance at all meetings is open to everyone who resides, owns a business or property, or works in Portland's Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood. All committees welcome new members. If you cannot attend meetings but have ideas to share or would like to get involved, please get in touch.

Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

Meets first Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the ground floor conference room of the Port of Portland, corner of NW Second & Everett. Contact: Tom Carrollo (tom@beardsleybldgs.com)

OTCTNA Public Safety Committee Meets third Thursdays from 11:30am-1:00pm at Central City Concern, 232 NW Sixth Avenue. Contact: John Root (OldTownMgr@aol.com)

OTCTNA Arts, Culture and History Group. Meets third Tuesdays from 11:30am-1pm at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW 2nd Avenue. Bring your brown bag lunch. Contact: June Schumann (onlyc@oregonnikkei.org)

OTCTNA Communications Committee Meets last Mondays from 4:00-5:00pm at Northwest Resource Credit Union 221 NW Second Avenue. Contact: Carol McCreary (carolmccreary@comcast.net)

OTCTNA Joint Land Use & Design Review Committee Meets first Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30pm Contact: Paul Verhoeven (paul@saturdaymarket.org)

Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee Meets second Wednesdays from 11:30am- 1:00pm at Central City Concern, 232 NW Sixth Avenue. Contact: Susan Snyder (susan@centralcityconcern.org)