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Subject: OM Public Space Advisory Committee Status Report - 3/28/15

Village Board - I continue to have a schedule conflict with the Village Board Meetings. Accordingly, I am submitting a status report for recent activities of the OM Public Space Advisory Committee (PSAC). I will follow-up with similar status reports as necessary.

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The OM PSAC was established ~2 1/2 years ago to focus on issues associated with Public Space within Oakland Mills. Phil Engleke spearheaded the formation of this committee and was the original committee chair. Gerhart (Gerry) Witte is now the current chair.

The following are *recent* noteworthy activities of this Advisory Committee:

- The PSAC continues to hold regular meetings with the CA Open Space Management Division (OSMD) staff to discuss topics of mutual interest. Some agreements include:

- CA OSMD has agreed to develop and provide us with a "Best Practices" document describing the current methods/practices for maintaining CA Open Space including Vegetation Management and Forest Management.

- CA OSMD has agreed (1) to pay extra attention to the land around Patriot Lane Pond and (2) to enhance the appearance of the the wooded area along Farewell Road across from Fallen Stone.

- CA OSMD has agreed to not change the OM Open Space mowing practice without first consulting with the OM PSAC.

- The PSAC led the OM Columbia Clean Up day volunteers on March 21. Approximately ten bags of trash were collected by a total of four people including two PSAC members (Dan Kirk- Davidoff and Gerry Witte). The clean-up included CA property on both sides of the bike path from the Rt. 29 pedestrian bridge to Stevens Forest Road.

- Gerry Witte and Jervis Dorton made some budget recommendations to the CA board at last year's open budget meetings emphasizing the need for more CA OSMD resources. Similar recommendations will be made to me at the upcoming July open budget meetings. The text of this "speak out" will be provided to the OM Board prior to its presentation to the CA Board.

Anyone wishing to participate in these activities should contact Gerry Witte (gwitte22@yahoo.com).

Current PSAC Members are:

Gerry Witte
Phil Engleke
Daniel Kirk-Davidoff
Jervis Dorton
Mike Greenberg
Bill McCormack

Note - I apologize if I did not include everyone on the Distribution list.