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# Oakland Mills Community Association

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045  
**Board Members:** Bill McCormack, Jr., Co-Chair~ Ginny Thomas, Co-Chair  
Jonathan Edelson, Vice-Chair ~ Kay Wisniewski, AC Chair ~ Paul Verchinski  
Marcia White ~ Bill Woodcock  
Reginald Avery, Columbia Council Representative

**May 12, 2015**

### Regular OMCA BoD Meeting

**Ms. Cederbaum** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:27 pm.

**Present:** Bill McCormack, Jr., Board Co-Chair; Virginia Thomas, Board Co-Chair;; Kay Wisniewski, AC Chair; Jonathan Edelson, Vice-Chair; Reginald Avery, CA Board; Paul Verchinski; Marcia White; Bill Woodcock; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

**Also Present:** See Resident List

### Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned that the agenda for May 12, 2015 (ATTACHMENT “A”) be approved. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the April 28, 2015 OMCA Board meeting minutes with amendments (ATTACHMENT “B”). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

### Election of New Board Officers

- **Ms. Cederbaum** called for the nomination of new Board officers. **Ms. Wisniewski** nominated **Mr. McCormack Jr.** and **Ms. Thomas** as Board Co-Chairs. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded. **Mr. Avery** nominated **Mr. Edelson** and **Mr. Woodcock** to be Board Co-Chairs. **Mr. Verchinski** called for a Point of Order and asked if **Mr. Avery**, not being an OMCA Board member, has the ability to nominate Board members for open positions. **Ms. Cederbaum** read **Oakland Mills Community Association, Inc., Articles of Incorporation, Art. 9: 9** “*The members of the Association shall in each year elect from among the members thereof a representative to serve a one year term as a member of the Columbia Council. The representative so elected shall be entitled, ex officio, to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have the same rights as a Director, except that he shall not have the right to vote as a Director in any matter.*,” which allows **Mr. Avery**, as the CCR, that ability.
- **Mr. Woodcock** called for a Point of Order as those nominated have to accept the nomination and asked to withdraw his name from the nomination. **Mr. Edelson** stated he was not clear what he was being nominated for. **Mr. Avery** explained that he was putting forth two Co-Chair names in response to the nominations of two co-chairs made by **Ms. Wisniewski**. **Mr. Avery** amended his nomination to **Mr. Edelson** and **Ms. White** and Board Co-Chairs. **Ms. White** did not accept the nomination. **Mr. Edelson** declined the nomination. **Mr. Woodcock** motioned to accept **Mr. McCormack** and **Ms. Thomas** as

2015-2016 Board Co-Chairs. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to have **Mr. Edelson** serve as the Board Vice-Chair. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to have **Ms. Wisniewski** serve as the Architecture Committee Chair. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** thanked the Board for the vote of confidence. **Mr. McCormack** seconded her statement.

### **Resident Remarks**

- Robert Goodwin, MD who owns a Professional Family Care Physicians office in the Stevens Forest Professional Park was present to introduce himself and his new colleague, Manjul Sharma, MD whose specialty is Internal Medicine. **Ms. Cederbaum** stated she would add their office to the OM Festival Mailing list. **Ms. Wisniewski** mentioned the possibility of either one of them helping with the next presentation on Lyme disease.

### **Discussion of Bridge Columbia and Howard County Council FY16 Budget**

- Fred Gottemoeller a member of the Bridge Columbia committee was present to give updates regarding the proposed Howard County FY16 Capital Budget. He stated two things that were disturbing to Bridge Columbia were; 1) the 3<sup>rd</sup> interchange on Route 29 and its interference with Bridge Columbia; will it prevent Bridge Columbia from being built and how does the 3<sup>rd</sup> interchange affect Oakland Mills and 2) John Powell, HC Office of Transportation, had discussed, at a budget work session of the Columbia Council, that there are plans of the administration to fix up the existing bridge. He stated that there is going to be a funding roundtable held in June to attract grants for Bridge Columbia. He asked that the OMCA Board approach the Howard County administration jointly with Bridge Columbia.
- **Ms. Thomas** asked about the 3<sup>rd</sup> interchange and where it was actually proposed to go. Mr. Gottemoeller stated there was a proposal that the interchange would go straight downtown and not provide a connection to Oakland Mills. Bridge Columbia would like to see minimal amounts of proposed money go towards cosmetic repairs to the bridge and most of funds used for preliminary engineering for Bridge Columbia. Mr. Gottemoeller stated that it would most likely be at least a year's process to get funds.
- **Mr. McCormack** thanked Bridge Columbia for attending and asked what Bridge Columbia's recommendations were. Mr. Gottemoeller stated that the funding roundtable should be monitored and may look to the OMCA Board for support. Regarding the funding engagement process, Mr. Gottemoeller recommended that the OMCA Board be fairly aggressive.
- Mr. Gottemoeller suggested doing a survey to find out who is utilizing the Bridge. Discussion followed with no decision on a survey at this point

### **Administrative Duties**

- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed administrative packets to each OMCA Board member. She requested that each OMCA Board member sign and return to her the "Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest Policy" And Fiduciary Responsibility form. All board members signed and returned both forms.

### **Board Action Items**

- All OMCA Board members were in agreement to appoint all Board members to the Oakland Mills Architecture Committee.
- OMCA Board members **Paul Verchinski, Bill McCormack, Kay Wisniewski and Jonathan Edelson** names will be sent to the Columbia Association for approval to sit on the OMCA Architecture Committee as Columbia Association's appointed members.

- **Mr. McCormack** asked to appoint the listed members to the 2015-2016 Residential Architectural Committee: **Michael Vaughn, Elinda Dennis, Marcelo Amador, Carl McKinney, Susan Lynn, Jeff Webber**. **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept these appointments. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to appoint **Mr. Edelson** and **Mr. John DiTimasso** as Education Co-Chairs. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to appoint **Mr. McCormack** as the 2015-2016 Housing Chair. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to appoint **Mr. Edelson** as the 2015-2016 Marketing Chair. **Mr. Woodcock** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to appoint **Mr. Woodcock** as the 2015-2016 Safety Liaison. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to appoint **Ms. White** to be the Chair of a newly formed Arts Advisory Committee. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

### Board Co-Chair Remarks

- **Mr. McCormack** stated he is looking forward to another year of progress in Oakland Mills.

### CCR Report

- A Veteran's Forum will be held at the Miller Library on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8:45pm hosted by the Veteran's Commission.
- There will be a CA Board meeting this Thursday, 5/14, that will include the 3 newly elected CA Board members. At this meeting a Chair and Vice-Chair of the CA Board will be decided on. The CA Board will have their retreat this coming weekend at Turf Valley.
- The CA Board is working on having the majority of the minutes from closed CA meetings be released.
- A sanitized version of the legal proceedings regarding Alan Klein will be released and the CA Board will vote as to whether he will remain a CA Board member.
- **Mr. Avery** stated he had met with Daniel D'Amore from CA Open Space and stated CA has agreed to clear about 30 feet of trees in front of the school. CA is also going to shore up the area along the walkway in front of the school to make it easier for children to walk to school.
- **Mr. Edelson** added that CA is also looking to raise the tree canopy along the front path of SFES and would like the school system to agree to do the same thing. SFES Principal noted the safety issues with the current tree canopy.
- **Mr. Verchinski** asked **Mr. Avery** about CA Board's possible endorsement of Bridge Columbia and scheduling a meeting with CA Board and the Bridge Committee. **Mr. Avery** stated that since the feasibility study report has not been released, the CA Board has not had a meeting. Once the new CA Board business is taken care of, and now that the Feasibility Study has been released, the Bridge endorsement will be the top priority.

### Manager's Report

- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed her report (ATTACHMENT "C") and the "Notes from the May 2, 2015 Street Captain's Meeting" (ATTACHMENT "D").
- **Ms. Cederbaum** introduced Bob Bertlett, Election Committee Co-Chair. Mr. Bertlett thanked the election committee and their dedication to ensure a fair election process.
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the results of the 2015 OMCA election. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

- **Ms. Cederbaum** stated she had received three thank yous from SFES PTA for the Silent Auction donation, the OMHS PTSA for donations for their After Prom event and OMMS who used their donation for a performance by Christylz.

### **New Business**

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to contribute \$1125 to street beautification. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to contribute \$500 for block parties. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to send the letter to Howard County Chief of Police Gardner which states the communities appreciation to the SFES crossing guard, Ms. Bernadette Allen. **Mr. Woodcock** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0). **Mr. Edelson** suggested adding copies to go to the SFES principal, Mr. Diaz, Councilman Ball, and former Council Member Watson who all helped to put the crossing guard in place. Arrangements will be made to present the letter to Ms. Allen and thank her for taking such good “care” of the SFES children who walk to school.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Education**

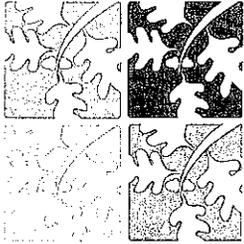
- **Mr. Edelson** gave a recap of the State of our Schools Town Hall Meeting that was held April 29th.
- He stated that Oakland Mills HS was ranked number 56 in the US News and World Report list of Top schools nationwide. Four out five of the Oakland Mills schools have achieved Gold Healthy Howard status. SFES is putting in a butterfly garden with the help of former OMCA Board member, Margaret Mauro, Master Gardener.

#### **Board Bulletin Board**

- **Ms. Warren** invited all of the Board members to be sure and check out some of the OM events that she plans throughout the year.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** invited the Board to attend Paint Night coming up on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the staff for their hard work. She invited the Board to attend a thank you going away reception for Sarah Pomerantz who has been a student intern at OM. It will be held on Friday, 5/15 at 1:30pm. **Ms. Cederbaum** will be a SCH judge at TSES on 5/20.
- **Mr. Edelson** thanked Sarah Pomerantz for her service on the Education committee. He also stated that regarding the monthly food giveaway, they are good with volunteers, but need more food donations. **Ms. Cederbaum** stated that she is working with Mr. Diaz to bring a food pantry to Oakland Mills.
- **Ms. White** stated she is looking forward to working with everyone and hoping for a productive year.
- **Mr. Avery** stated that Bridgeway Community Church makes deliveries to families in need in Oakland Mills. He will be a SCH judge at THES on 5/20, TSES on 5/22 and SFES on 5/29.
- **Mr. McCormack** stated great job for taking care of the administrative business this evening.
- **Ms. Thomas** stated she would like to meet with as many people as possible to sell them on OM.
- **Mr Woodcock** stated he would miss the next Board meeting on 5/26 due to the fact that his daughter will be graduating from OMHS.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator



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Marcia White, Kay Wisniewski, Bill Woodcock  
CCR: Reginald Avery

**Meeting Agenda  
May 12, 2015**

**Board Meeting**

**7:30 p.m. Opening of meeting by Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager**  
Approve the agenda for tonight's meeting  
Approve **April 28, 2015** minutes

**Village Manager calls for the election of new Board Officers**  
Board Chair Nominations & Vote

**Board Chair calls for:**  
Board Vice Chair Nominations & Vote  
Architecture Committee Chair Nominations & Vote

**7:45 p.m. Resident Remarks**

**7:50 p.m. Discussion of Bridge Columbia and HC County Council FY 16 budget discussions**

**8:10 p.m. Administrative Duties**  
Sign Fiduciary Responsibility clause

**8:15 p.m. Board Action Items**  
**Appoint members to Architecture Committee**--*Usually all Board members are appointed to this committee; all must seek a letter of compliance*

**Appoint four (4) OMCA Board members**--*to be sent to Columbia Association for CA's approval to sit on OMCA AC as Columbia Association's appointed members.*

**Appoint 2015-2016 Residential Architectural Committee (RAC)**--*as recommended by the Covenant Advisor*

Current RAC members: Michael Vaughn, Chair, Elinda Dennis, Marcelo Amador  
Carl McKinney, Susan Lynn, Jeff Webber

**Appoint Chairs, Liaisons and Representatives to current OMCA Standing Committees:**

**Education Chair:**

**Housing Chair:**

**Marketing Chair:**

**Safety Liaison:**

**8:30 p.m. Board Chair Remarks**

**8:40 p.m. CCR Report, Reginald Avery**

**8:50 p.m. Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum**  
Election Report – Acceptance by Board

**9:00 p.m. New Business**

Vote to contribute \$1,125 to **street beautification** that would be \$75/street, total 15 streets. (8 requested in 2014/2015)

Vote to contribute funds for **block parties**. Suggest \$500, 20 streets, \$25 each, if goods are purchased from OM merchants. (12 requested in 2014/15)

**9:10 p.m. Committee Reports:**

- **Education**

**9:15 p.m. Board Bulletin Board**

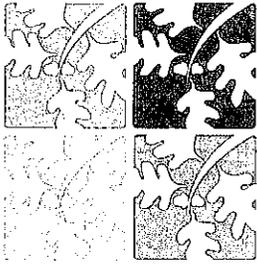
**9:20 p.m. Adjourn**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**May 26**, Board Meeting, 7 p.m.; **May 28**, 6:30 p.m. Paint Night; **June 9**, Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.;

**June 14**, Jazz in the Mills Presents Lavenia Nesmith, 5:00 p.m.; **June 23**, Board Meeting, 7 p.m.; **June 25**, 6:30 p.m. **Movie Night** at The Other Barn;

**July 14**, Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



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Chair ~ Jonathan Edelson ~ Paul Verchinski  
Tawania Williams ~ Kay Wisniewski  
Reginald Avery, Columbia Council Representative

**April 28, 2015**

### Regular OMCA BoD Meeting

**Mr. McCormack** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:06 pm.

**Present:** Bill McCormack, Jr., Board Co-Chair; Virginia Thomas, Board Co-Chair; Paul Verchinski; Jervis Dorton, AC Chair; Jonathan Edelson; Kay Wisniewski, Reginald Avery, CA Board; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

**Also Present:** Councilman Calvin Ball; Councilwoman Jen Terrasa; Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty; Councilman Greg Fox; Kimberly Pruum, Special Assistant to Councilman Ball; Kate McLoed, Special Assistant to Jen Terrasa; Theodore Wimbley, Howard County Council Staff; Randy Clay, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning; Philip Nichols, Special Assistant to the County Executive; Milton Matthews, CA President; Jane Dembner, CA Director of Planning and Community Affairs; Scott Templin, CA Community Planner, Department of Planning and Community Affairs

**Absent:** Tawania Williams

### Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned that the agenda for April 28, 2015 (ATTACHMENT "A") be approved. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the April 14, 2015 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT "B"). **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

### Resident Remarks

- Resident Julia Llewellyn expressed concern over the fact that residents of Oakland Mills outparcels are not allowed to vote in Oakland Mills Village Elections. She asked the OMCA Board to investigate options to allow for residents who live in outparcels the opportunity to vote. **Ms. Cederbaum** responded that residents who live in outparcels do not pay CA assessments which is the reason they do not vote in village elections.

### Discussion with Howard County Council Members

- **Ms. Thomas** welcomed the Howard County Council members to the OMCA Board meeting.
- Councilman Ball explained that the County Council has been going to all of the ten villages' board meetings to hear any concerns the Boards might have.
- **Mr. Avery** introduced Milton Matthews, CA President, who was in attendance.

- **Ms. Thomas** spoke about the OMCA VCCP that has been finished and will be sent to all members shortly. She requested that the County Council members work with the OMCA Board to provide incentives for developers to come to Oakland Mills. She suggested working with the State, the CA as well as the private sector in a partnership. She mentioned the possibility of property owners interested in property swapping.
- **Ms. Wisniewski** discussed Bridge Columbia, stating that aside from the business case for the bridge, it is important to millennials to have public transportation available. It has also been stated that public transit on the Bridge would appeal to the “empty nest baby boomers.” She stated that the Bridge would help to reinvent our village.
- **Mr. Edelson** discussed the need for flexibility when making formula based decisions regarding Howard County schools. He also discussed the proposal that has been sent to the Board of Education requesting a bus to transport students from Verona that were redistricted from Talbott Spring ES to Stevens Forest ES.
- **Mr. McCormack** discussed reestablishing a full spectrum of housing for a full spectrum of people.
- **Mr. Dorton** discussed New Town Zoning and how it affects outparcels. He asked for an explanation as to why the rules of the FDP were not being followed in regards to business properties on the borders of Oakland Mills. He requested that the regulations that are already in place should be enforced .
- **Mr. Verchinski** discussed options for funding of various proposed projects. He stated that the County Executive will be holding a funding roundtable specifically on funding sources for Bridge Columbia in June 2015. He stated his wanting to see a plan for Columbia – the planned community for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- **Mr. Avery** discussed the need to work together. He stated that CA has three new Board members, CA has a new policy in dealing with abandoned properties and the Inner Arbor Trust has begun development and Columbia should be looking forward to some great things.
- **Ms. Thomas** mentioned the need to keep certain citizen services under one organization to have an integrated system. She asked the County to look at what is best for the citizens of Howard County and work as a partnership.
- Councilman Ball stated that Oakland Mills was the first village to have a VCCP. Each village has different challenges. He stated that funding will be an issue. He stated that all County Council members support a full spectrum of housing throughout the County. Councilman Ball stated that working together as partners is the whole reason the County Council members are here at the meeting.
- Councilwoman Sigaty stated she had spoken with Marsha McLaughlin, HC Director, Department of Planning and Zoning who has a group of architecture students from University of Maryland who would be willing to put together imagings for the three properties currently be cited for potential business property development in Oakland Mills. She will have Ms. McLaughlin contact the OMCA Board. She stated she looks forward to further conversations and learning more about the covenants and outparcels.
- Councilwoman Terassa acknowledges a need for discussions regarding New Town Zoning. She also stated that the “Plan” is very critical. She stated that flexibility has to be balanced with enforceability.

### Board Co-Chair Remarks

- **Ms. Thomas** thanked **Mr. Dorton** for the three years he volunteered on the OMCA Board.

### Manager’s Report

- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed the FY 16 budget draft and asked for a motion to accept. (ATTACHMENT “C”). **Ms. Wisniewski** made a motion to accept the proposed FY 16 Budget. **Mr. Edelson** seconded. **Mr. Verchinski** made a motion to table the vote. The motion to table was not seconded so it did not carry. **Mr. McCormack** called for a discussion. **Mr. Verchinski** asked about particular line items including increasing the legal expense line to \$6000, increasing the web

expense line to \$3000 and adding funds for IT assistance for Cloud storage. **Mr. Edelson** called for a vote on the FY Budget as submitted. **Ms. Thomas** requested that the OMCA Board vote to approve and if needed after approval, numbers can be moved around. **Mr. McCormack** suggested during the new Board year, a subcommittee to deal with the budget should be created. **Mr. Verchinski** stated that getting a revised budget from the Village Manager five minutes before a vote was not sufficient time for review. The vote to approve the FY 16 budget took place and the vote passed (5-1-0). **Mr. Verchinski** voted against adopting the budget.

## Board Bulletin Board

- **Ms. Warren** thanked all of the volunteers, including **Mr. Edelson, Ms. Wisniewski, Mr. Avery, Mr. Verchinski**, the OMHS Art Honor Society, SFES PTA and all of the high school volunteers who came for helping at Saturday's events. She also thanked all of the OMCA staff that assisted. She expressed how successful everything was and that it could not have happened without the amazing volunteers. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** also thanked everyone who helped out with Saturday's events, including the OMCA Election Committee and others who helped. She thanked **Ms. Warren** for putting it together. She stated that the events on Saturday showed what a "community" is all about.
- **Mr. Edelson** thanked **Ms. Cederbaum** and **Ms. Warren** for Saturday. He stated that Saturday's events work at marketing Oakland Mills. He also stated that he feels the website is very good and that the OMCA Board should take notice of what we have. He announced the State of Our Schools Town Hall meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Mr. Dorton** said farewell. He mentioned an idea that it would be great to have pictures or drawings of renovations that have been made to certain Oakland Mills homes, particularly the Pacesetter, to inspire others who may be looking to renovate homes or make changes. He suggested perhaps having them on the OMCA website.
- **Mr. McCormack** thanked everyone on the OMCA Board as well as **Ms. Cederbaum** and her team for a great year.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

### Action Items:

Staff:

Board:

**Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum  
Oakland Mills Community Association  
May 12, 2015**

**Year End Tasks:** Time spent to close out year-end task and begin new fiscal year. Created new Salary tracking/vacation/holiday timesheets and personnel forms. Working with bookkeeper on year end financial reports (due to CA mid June).

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**Compiled Annual Report**

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**Street Captains:** Hosted a street captain meeting on May 2. 15 Street Captains attended. Roundtable discussion about program. Notes attached. Next street captain handout will be late May/Early June.

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**Website:** Site has been updated to include covenant complaint submission form, OM docs and FAQs about covenant violations/complaint process. Site is updated daily (if need be) by Brigitta Warren. No additional changes will be made until such time as the marketing committee meets and may have recommendations.

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Assisted/Attended Education State of Schools Forum

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Assisted with April Food Drive

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Attended a Bridge Columbia Committee Meeting

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Met with OM resident and Brigitta Warren to discuss the great potential for volunteerism in Oakland Mills and will continue to meet to flesh out ideas for creating an OM Volunteer database.

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**Assisted** residents with a variety of issues some pertaining to open space, neighborhood center facility issues, host of items that crop up literally daily and are promptly addressed.

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Processed Payroll, 401K, Met with Staff (daily), Bank deposits met with Columbia Bank manager at Gateway branch to ask for their involvement with Oakland Mills. Hopefully they will sponsor a shred truck on the day of our festival and support other events with donations.

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May 2, 2015

Oakland Mills Street Captains Meeting

Meeting Notes:

**Attendees:** Sandy Cederbaum, OM Village Manager  
Heidi Knott, Liz Smull, Amy Wortman, Eileen Walker, Theresa Verchinski, Paul Verchinski,  
Mel Quecan, Julia Llewellyn, Edie Clifford, Lucille Barnum, Nan Lyon, Ann Smith

Most of the session dealt with issues relating to the street captain program:  
For terms of these notes the works Street Captain will be abbreviated to SC

- SCs were delivery mainly to doors – neighbors are just not at home to receive newsletters.
- Need to find ways to engage neighbors
- Given the fact that many already receive enews the SC handout should be reduced to a quarterly handout
- Great resource for those without access to computers/email
- SC can conduct surveys of their neighbors to ascertain whether or not they want to continue receiving the SC handout and their views on the SC program and what they receive from the village
- Suggestions for connecting with neighbors included summer gatherings, recipe collections, open houses. Have a block party, clean a cul de sac
- Discussed but never came to a decision on frequency of SC news, style of news. Given the abundance of news generated from OM on the website, enews and facebook the consensus seemed to be that quarterly newsletters would be sufficient. Of course if there were an important item and it was timely in nature the scheduled could always be altered.
- Discussion of homes that are not well maintained, abandoned, foreclosed. Mention of the new complaint form on the OM website for use. SC encouraged to report what they see/hear. They are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. Stressed need to enhance the appearance of the neighborhood.
- SC encouraged to be a point of referral and direct neighbors w/questions to OM office staff/board. Be proactive with neighbors
- A good list of streets not covered is needed and request for volunteer to compile.

Theresa Verchinski offered to help with this, Sandy C. get information to her. Once we know what streets are covered, not covered we can discuss expanding the program and best means of outreach.

- Suggested topics, “did you know” ideas
- Suggested “best garden” contest
- Get group buying discounts from certain contractors, perhaps banks will work w/loans

**Next Steps:**

**Welcome Packets:** We will increase our supply of welcome packets and ask SC to stop by The Other Barn to pick up welcome packets (CA and OMCA) for new neighbors - **Sandy**

**Workshops:** Hold workshops for how to give our houses a facelift, remodel older homes

**Contractors List:** Inquire as to if there is an association membership for Angies List with the goal of residents’ being able to obtain names from that list and not “reinvent a list”. Angies List is a vetted list of contractors. Workshops on landscape ideas, ie retaining walls.

- First step, Sandy will check w/Angies List

**Work with certain contractors to get group buying discounts** (There was a short discussion on types of driveways other than cement – permeable surfaces seemed appealing to some).

**Late May/Early June newsletter** - Sandy

**Create list of streets covered/not covered** – Theresa Verchinski (w/Sandy’s help)