



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

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**October 14, 2014**

### **Architecture Committee**

**Attendees:** Jervis Dorton, AC Chair; Bill McCormack, Jr., Board Co-Chair; Ginny Thomas, Board Co-Chair; Jonathan Edelson; Paul Verchinski; Tawania Williams; Kay Wisniewski; Reginald Avery, CA Board; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Deb Bach, Covenant Advisor; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

**Also in Attendance:** Debbie and Roger Matherly; Elinda Dennis, RAC; Susan Lynn, RAC

**Appeal Address: 9459 Macomber Lane  
Application 11124**

**Mr. Dorton** called the appeal to order at 7:04pm. **Mr. Dorton** described the process. **Ms. Dennis** gave some background information regarding the case. **Ms. Lynn and Mr. Dorton** provided additional information. Debbie and Roger Matherly provided reasoning for appeal.

**Ms. Thomas** made a motion to overturn the RAC decision. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (4-3-0).

### **5986 Camelback Lane**

**Mr. Edelson** motioned to approve a 15 day notice to the owner, and a resolution to the Columbia Association to commence legal action against the property for maintenance and unapproved exterior alterations. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

### **6167 Encounter Row**

**Mr. Edelson** motioned to approve a 15 day notice to the owner, and a resolution to the Columbia Association to commence legal action against the property for maintenance violations. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

**Mr. Verchinski** distributed a letter addressed to Michelle Miller, Chair of the Architectural Resource Committee, to be forwarded along with the 15 day notice that is being sent to the above address. **Mr. Edelson** approved the 15 day notice with the inclusion of this letter. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

## Regular OMCA BoD Meeting

**Ms. Thomas** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:25 pm.

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

**Absent:** Fred Eiland, Community Organizer; Paul Verchinski

## Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned that the agenda for October 14, 2014 (ATTACHMENT “A”) be approved. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the minutes from September 23, 2014 (ATTACHMENT “B”). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

## Resident Speakout

- Resident Evelyn Mogren stated that she would like to see more bike lanes throughout Columbia and an update of the bike lanes already there.
- Resident who lives on Farewell complained about two separate houses on Farewell Road.

## Thunder Hill Road Streetscape Discussion

- Kim Pruum, Special Assistant to Councilman Calvin Ball and Krish Jagarapu were present to listen to resident ideas on the possibility of raised medians. Requested input from community members.
- Sandra Braxton Riley, 5579 Thunder Hill Road – Requested more calming and more beautification along Thunder Hill Road, asked for raised medians near Thunder Hill Road and Rte. 175, asked for crosswalk by Walgreens where transit bus lets out passengers, raised median and hedges and flowers by Whitacre
- Evelyn Mogren, 5601 Thunder Hill Road – Requested cautionary signs to be placed on Thunder Hill Road coming towards village center before the stop sign on Thunder Hill Road. Requested bike lanes.
- Barbara Scott Johnson, 5653 Thunder Hill Road – Requested calming on Thunder Hill Road right before the Village Center, would not want to have a median in front of her house as it would enable her to only go in one direction to exit/enter her driveway.
- George Green, 5660 Thunder Hill Road – Requested one more speed humps along Thunder Hill Road along with more bike lanes
- Michael Knott, 5710 Thunder Hill Road – Requested caution in placing medians as it may end in many U-turns along Thunder Hill Road and people using the already crowded Cinnamon Tree parking lots to turn around. Agreed that a raised median near Walgreens might be appropriate
- Heidi Knott – Requested additional bike lanes throughout Oakland Mills
- Mr. Jagarapu stated that Howard County is in the process of finalizing a Master Bicycle Lane Plan and Howard Hughes is working on the Multi Use Pathway. Stated he will look into requests and come back to Oakland Mills once decisions are made regarding possible solutions. He also stated that there was no funding for this project in the current Capital Budget.
- Ms. Pruum asked if the residents present support a raised median. Residents responded yes, extending from Rte. 175 to the Sohap area and would like to have the cement island in on Thunder Hill in front of Walgreens replace with a grass island.

## **Farewell Road/Kilimanjaro Road**

- Barbara Schneider, Farewell Road – Requested speed humps and a speed camera on Farewell Road.
- Roger Garwin, Greco Garth – Stated he is not in favor of speed humps.
- Mr. Jagarapu stated that as per County policy, residents must go through the required community process for installation of speed humps.
- Earl Haney, 9341 Kilimanjaro Road – Requested calming devices.
- Mr. Jagarapu stated that this area is a designated school zone and it has speed camera monitoring/enforcement.
- Lt. Commander Bailey, Howard County Police was present to relay results of speed studies done in past few years. He suggested the OMCA Board communicate with OM schools.
- **Mr. Edelson** suggested a pedestrian refuge on Farewell Road.

## **Oakland Mills Road Detour Project**

- Mark Kovach, HC DPW; Clara Goiun, HC Parks and Rec; Steve Sharar, HC Parks and Rec; Brad Jones, WRNA Consultants gave PowerPoint presentation regarding Phase 3 and Phase 6 of Blandair Park (ATTACHMENT “C”).

## **Board Co-Chair Remarks**

- None

## **CCR Report**

- Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Columbia Speaks/CA Listens
- Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – County Executive Forum at Bollman Bridge ES
- Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7:30pm – County Executive Forum at Mt. Hebron HS

## **Manager's Report**

- Report Distributed (ATTACHMENT “D”)
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to donate \$500 to Talbott Springs ES, Thunder Hill ES, and Oakland Mills HS PTSA. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** described proposed SFES holiday gift program. **Ms. Thomas** motioned to donate \$300 to the holiday gift program at Stevens Forest ES. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to donate \$50 to A-OK Mentoring. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed “Budget Request FY16 Handout (ATTACHMENT “E”).
- OMCA Board added support of continuing the \$100,000 for village community programs.

## **Community Organizer Report**

- **Mr. Eiland’s** monthly report/Housing Report was distributed (ATTACHMENT “F”).

## Committee Reports

- **Architecture**

**Mr. Dorton** stated he believes that the goals of the appointed “Special Liaison to better understand covenant compliance” have been met and the position is no longer needed.

**Ms. Thomas and Mr. McCormack** stated they would ask **Mr. Verchinski** for a report regarding his findings of the covenant violations process.

- **Housing**

**Mr. McCormick** stated that he and **Ms. Wisniewski** are putting together format for housing recommendations for the new Master Plan 2/Community Plan. Housing questions have been sent to the County Council and County Executive candidates for responses.

- **Education**

Report distributed (ATTACHMENT “G”).

## New Business

- **Ms. Thomas** stated that the Master Plan emphasis should be on economic development and potential jobs. **Mr. McCormack** asked what the best way to proceed is.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, Task Force Meeting, 7pm – OMCA Task Work Session to begin creating a new Master Plan entitled Master Plan 2/Community Plan.
- **Ms. Thomas** suggested that the Nov. 25 OMCA BoD meeting be cancelled and that the one meeting in November be held on Nov. 12th. On Nov. 12 at 7:00 Randy Clay, HC DPZ will update community on Stevens Forest Rd/Whiteacre streetscape project. Board meeting will follow.

## Action Items for Next Meeting (10/28/14)

### Staff Actions

- Process Donation Checks

### Board Actions

- Mr. McCormack and Ms. Thomas request report from Mr. Verchinski and status of covenant violations project.
- Ms. Thomas will confirm date with Mr. Clay for his presentation on Nov. 12.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 10:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator



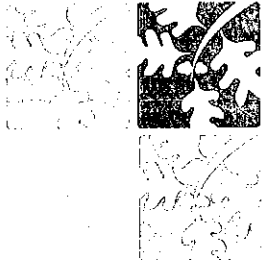
**Oakland Mills Community Association  
Village Board Meeting AGENDA**

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045  
**Board Members:** Virginia Thomas, Co-Chair ~ Bill McCormack, Co-Chair,  
 Jervis Dorton, Architectural Committee Chair ~ Jonathan Edelson  
 Paul Verchinski ~ Tawania Williams ~ Kay Wisniewski  
 Reginald Avery, Columbia Council Representative

**6:30 p.m. Architecture Committee – Appeal**

**Oakland Mills Board Meeting**

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of meeting**  
 Approve the agenda for tonight’s meeting  
 Approve the minutes from the September 23, 2014 meeting
  - 7:05 p.m. Resident Remarks**
  - 7:10 p.m. Thunder Hill Road Streetscape Discussion (South of 175 to just prior to Cinnamon Tree Talbott Springs community),**  
 Krish Jagarapu, Chief, HC Traffic and Engineering Division and  
 Kim Pruim, Special Assistant to Councilman Calvin Ball  
  
**Oakland Mills Road Detour Project,** Mark Kovach, HC DPW Enginner  
  
**Farewell Road –** previous speed calming studies  
  
**Kilimanjaro Road –** speed study, speed enforcement
  - 8:00 p.m. Board Co-Chair Remarks,** Ginny Thomas, Bill McCormack
  - 8:10 p.m. CCR Report,** Reginald Avery
  - 8:20 p.m. Manager’s Report,** Sandy Cederbaum  
 CA Budget Requests – FY16  
 Donation Requests – TVIH, A-OK Mentoring, Talbott Springs Elementary School  
 Thunder Hill Elementary School, Oakland Mills HS
  - 8:35 p.m. Community Organizer Report,** Fred Eiland
  - 8:45 p.m. Committee Reports**  
**Architecture Committee,** Jervis Dorton  
**Safety Committee,** Tawania Williams  
**Housing,** Bill McCormack  
**Education,** Jonathan Edelson, John DiTomasso
  - 8:55 p.m. New Business**
  - 9:10 p.m. Board Bulletin Board**
  - 9:20 p.m. Adjourn**
- Upcoming Events:**  
**Wed. Oct. 15, 50+, Master Gardener Program, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Oct. 24, Lively Arts for Little Ones, First Show; Nov. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Volunteer Reception**



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**September 23, 2014**

## **Regular OMCA BoD Meeting**

**Mr. McCormack** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:05 pm.

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

**Absent:** Jervis Dorton, AC Chair; Fred Eiland, Community Organizer

## **Opening of Meeting**

**Ms. Thomas** motioned that the agenda for September 23, 2014 (ATTACHMENT "A") be approved. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

**Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the minutes from September 9, 2014 (ATTACHMENT "B"). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

## **Discussion of Boundary Line Amendments to the OM Master Plan (Spring 2007)**

A map of the proposed boundary lines was distributed with the note that Randy Clay will be sending a better copy (ATTACHMENT "C"). This boundary map was approved by the Task Force and now needs to be accepted by the **OMCA Board**. Clarification of map boundaries was discussed. **Ms. Thomas** asked if the CA Open Space land was buildable. Resident Daniel Kirk Davidoff asked for clarification of why new boundary lines were being drawn. **Mr. McCormack** stated when the Master Plan was created in 2007; the boundary lines only included the village center. **Mr. McCormack** stated that both OMHS and OMMS were included in the map. Holly Court was removed due to the fact that all 85 individual owners would need to be contacted. **Mr. Avery** stated that the 2007 Master Plan map did include boundaries. **Mr. McCormack** stated the boundary lines were more traditional and only included the village center. **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the boundary map as presented. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

## Community Organizer Report

**Mr. Eiland's** report was distributed (ATTACHMENT "D"). **Ms. Thomas** requested for **Mr. Eiland** to finish the report according to the chart that was given to him. She also requested **Mr. Eiland** to check on the name of the owner of Shipley's Grant.

**Mr. Avery** informed the board that Food Lion has had 3 store managers in 3 years. A discussion regarding Food Lion and its longevity ensued. **Mr. Avery** stated that overall Food Lion is doing much better. **Mr. McCormack**, who is a regular visitor to Food Lion, stated that he has noticed a great difference. **Mr. Edelson** suggested that perhaps Food Lion could participate more in the community. **Mr. McCormack** stated there are many grocery stores with a small area. **Ms. Wisniewski** stated CA Market Study noted that our Food Lion only does 33% of the business of an average Food Lion. **Mr. Avery** stated that residents in Oakland Mills depend on Food Lion. **Ms. Thomas** asked for suggestions. **Mr. Avery** responded by suggesting that the **OMCA Board** find out what Food Lion's long term plans are.

## Board Co-Chairs Remarks

**Ms. Thomas** stated that she and **Mr. McCormack** met with Whalen Properties. She also stated they met with Howard Community College, Cedar Properties, Buzzuto Homes, and the board of the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. **Ms. Thomas**, **Mr. McCormack** and **Ms. Wisniewski** met with a resident and Vice President of the Shadow Oaks Condominium and suggested **Ms. Williams** get in touch with Shadow Oaks. **Ms. Thomas** asked the Shadow Oaks resident to send the **OMCA Board** a list of all of the current issues. Most of the issues relate to safety and security. The Shadow Oaks Board is currently working on a new by-law regarding rentals units. **Mr. McCormack** stated that he had met with Tom Carbo from Howard County Housing. There are three keys to reinventing Oakland Mills: 1) big plan, 2) consolidation of ownership (currently there are 8 property owners in the Oakland Mills village center area) and 3) have Howard County partner with OM.

**Mr. McCormack** asked about the process to develop the new Master Plan. **Ms. Thomas** stated that she would like to have a Town Hall meeting on October 7, 2014 with the Task Force meeting. **Ms. Thomas** stated that there have been several task force meetings and board meetings where the proposed boundary lines and housing recommendations have been discussed as agenda items. **Ms. Thomas** indicated that the boundary lines were changed based on conversations with residents. **Mr. McCormack** stated that something to think about is New Town Zoning. The Howard County Citizens Association will be having a meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss issues with New Town Zoning. The Columbia Association has a document on their website regarding New Town Zoning.

## Columbia Council Report

**Mr. Avery** discussed the September 11<sup>th</sup> Columbia Association meeting. A discussion took place regarding Symphony Woods. Jervis Dorton and Cy Paumier were present to request the CA Board to compromise between both his plan and the Michael McCall plan. The number of CA Board members that are on the Inner Arbor Trust Board will increase from 3 to 4 according to IRS regulations for a 501(c) 3. The Columbia Association is currently looking for a new headquarters building and **Mr. Avery** stated that he hopes that this could be included in the

Symphony Woods area. **Ms. Thomas** asked if the Columbia Association has given the land away to the Inner Arbor Trust. **Mr. Avery** responded that the Columbia Association has given easement rights to the Inner Arbor Trust. **Mr. Verchinski** asked if any more CA funding was being put into the Inner Arbor Plan. **Mr. Avery** responded that they have not come back to the CA Board and requested any additional funding. Michael McCall stated they were looking at outside funding sources. **Mr. Avery** stated that the Inner Arbor Trust is still waiting to get zoning approved. Their plan is still a conceptual plan, no ground has been broken. **Mr. Avery** gave an update regarding memberships for Haven on the Lake. It is set to open the first week of December. **Ms. Wisniewski** asked if membership prices were listed on the website. **Mr. Avery** responded no, but that request has been made. Columbia Association is sponsoring Mark Fenton on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm-9pm at The Meeting House. **Mr. Verchinski** asked if the CA Board had taken an official position on the Bridge Columbia. **Mr. Avery** stated not at this time. The **OMCA Board** will be meeting with Board Chair Andy Stack, and possibly Board Chair Russ Swatek, and Milton Matthews, CA President.

### Managers' Report

**Ms. Cederbaum** distributed her report (ATTACHMENT "E") and the Columbia Association Request for FY 2016 Second Year Budget Input (ATTACHMENT "F.") **Ms. Cederbaum** stated that she will need the budget input by October 31, 2014. **Ms. Thomas** asked **Ms. Cederbaum** to put together a list of items that the staff would like. **Ms. Thomas** asked about a camera in the back of The Other Barn. She also requested more light be back there. **Mr. Verchinski** asked about putting benches on CA pathways in Oakland Mills. **Ms. Wisniewski** asked about possibly having residents pay to have a memorial plaque put on a bench. **Mr. Avery** stated he would look into.

A discussion regarding donations took place. **Mr. McCormack** stated that so far only \$500 has been donated to Stevens Forest Elementary School. The deadline to apply for a donation is September 30<sup>th</sup>. All schools have been contacted regarding this deadline. **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to donate \$500 to Oakland Mills Middle School per their request. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0). **Mr. Verchinski** motioned to table other donation requests until the October 14, 2014 Board meeting. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

**Ms. Cederbaum** thanked **Ms. Warren** for the organization of the 50+ Fun and Fulfilling event that took place today.

Resident Jon DiTimasso suggested that the two organizations that have made donation requests be contacted to let them know the request has been tabled.

**Mr. McCormack** stated that the Housing Recommendations that were approved by the Task Force on September 16<sup>th</sup> (ATTACHMENT "G") need approval by the **OMCA Board**. **Ms. Wisniewski** made a point of clarification that these recommendations are not to put in the OM Master Plan, but just recommendations. **Mr. Edelson** asked if on Page 4 "no students" could be changed to "50+ housing." **Mr. Edelson** motioned to accept changing "no students" to "50+ housing." **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0). Resident Kirk-Davidoff asked if number 3 on page 1 had to limit the 1 year free rent to those individuals listed. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to amend number 3 on page 1 to state "offer incentives to Howard County



employees such as teachers, fire and rescue, police officers, etc.” **Mr. Verchinski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Safety**

**Ms. Williams** distributed her report (ATTACHMENT “H”). **Mr. Avery** and she had a meeting with Officer Pickett to discuss any issues that may be occurring in Oakland Mills.

#### **Education**

**Mr. Edelson** gave an overview of the Candidates’ Forum that was held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He also spoke about the SFES PTA National School of Excellence award night. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, SFES will be hosting a Fitness Night. Oakland Mills Middle School will be hosting a restaurant night at “Shop House” on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. Talbott Springs ES will be hosting an overview of the PARCC assessment on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ideas were discussed regarding bringing elementary feeder schools to middle school and high school to see what they are each like.

### **New Business**

**Ms. Wisniewski** put forth a motion for the OMCA Board to formally support Bridge Columbia as follows (ATTACHMENT “I”)

**Whereas the Oakland Mills Village Center Master Plan calls for creating "a strong gateway to Town Center," the Oakland Mills Community Association enthusiastically supports immediate action by county, state, and federal officials to begin replacement of the existing pedestrian bridge over Route 29; the replacement should include, at a minimum some form of public transit. Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

**Mr. Verchinski** stated his concern regarding the letters that the **OMCA Board** has sent to various local officials and have received no response. He suggested follow-up letters should be sent. **Mr. McCormack** asked **Ms. Cederbaum** to look at spreadsheet that indicates who has responded to correspondence to determine follow-up.

### **Board Bulletin Board**

**Ms. Warren** announced the Oakland Mills Cultural Arts Festival that will take place on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4 pm. Lots of great entertainment, crafts, activities and food. She also announced the reception for Oakland Mills Volunteers would take place on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. More information will follow.

**Mr. Verchinski** requested that the recent news of Money magazine naming Columbia the sixth best place to live should be put up on the OM website.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

**Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum  
Oakland Mills Community Association  
October 14, 2014**

**List of issues requested:**

**Farewell, Kilimanjaro, Sohapp Roads/Oakland Mills Road (Pete's Farmstand) traffic concerns:**

Spoke with Ms. Pruum who arranged for information to be shared with OM Board and residents on 10/14/14, speed study underway on Kilimanjaro. Much of the requested information will be answered. Updated 10/14 meeting agenda to include this information.

**Foreclosure Issue:** Was included in a string of emails today that began on July 25<sup>th</sup> originated by Mr. Verchinski and between Mr. Vershinski and the county, then Mr. Verchinski, Ms. Thomas, Mr. McCormack and Mr. Ball. Trail of emails regarding obtaining a list of foreclosed properties in the 21045 zip code. Today, (October 10) I was asked to follow up as part of this list for my report. Ms. Bach and I will contact the County to try to obtain a full list of 21045 within Oakland Mills (as 21045 also encompasses Owen Brown, Long Reach and outparcels) and see if we can get a complete list

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**Bridge Columbia:** The feasibility study is currently planned for internal release to the County at the end of October, beginning of November and thereafter to the public.

I along with Mr. Avery and Bridge Columbia core committee members met with Milton Matthews, CA President and Jane Dembner, CA Community Planning. Mr. Matthews and Ms. Dembner were briefed on the bridge, history of, current condition, goals for future. Mr. Matthews asked about how the bridge ties into the County's master plan for transportation issues and also how the bridge is would spark economic redevelopment. Mr. Matthews said he'd work with Mr. Avery to get the Bridge Columbia group time on an upcoming CA Board agenda.

**On October 9, 2014** Ms. Wisniewski and I attended a CA Board Meeting Resident Speak Out – testimony attached. Also speaking on behalf of Bridge Columbia was Mr. John Slater a “founding” member of the group. Again we were well received and the CA Board said they would like to meet with the Bridge Columbia Committee to go over the feasibility study. We asked loud and clear for their support. Questions posed by the board members related to the number of trees that would potentially come down, the type of transportation vehicles, the support we have received thus far. I think that between the three of us in attendance we were able to answer the questions raised.

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**Donation Requests: TVIH, A-OK Mentoring, Talbott Springs ES, Thunder Hill ES, Oakland Mills HS.**

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**Budget:** Attached. Included requests from the Public Spaces Committee.

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**Budget Request, FY16**

**Submitted by the Oakland Mills Board of Directors**

**The Other Barn**

**Loft**

The Other Barn was renovated in 2008. The facility sees upwards of 500 guests each weekend. The carpet is worn and badly stained despite our regularly scheduled commercial carpet cleaning. Request replacement carpeting.

**Rear Upstairs Hall:**

Replacement flooring and wall repair/paint. Floor tiles are cracked from the weight of the chairs/racks that are placed in the back hallway. Wall has been in need of paint/repair since the remodeling in 2008.

**Soffit up/down lighting:**

As part of the renovation in 2008 soffit lighting was installed around the perimeter of the room. The lighting, when working is lovely, however, the fixtures are placed in a small enclosed areas and the soffit gets overheated. Each year several lights malfunctioned and transformers needed to be replaced. The transformers are now outdated and replacements are extremely costly. This past year we replaced two lights with completely new fixtures, opened up the soffit to allow adequate air flow, and have found this to work well. We'd like to request funds to replace the remainder of the up and down lights in the soffit and funding to cover the lighting, installation and drywall work necessary to complete the job.

**Commercial Ice Machine Replacement**

The commercial ice machine in the kitchen has reached its life expectancy and as per the management contract request that funds for a new machine be incorporated in the Category III funds for FY15.

**Benches on CA Paths**

Request for CA to place benches along CA Path. Heard from residents that this would be a welcome amenity as they enjoy walking CA's path. Would like to work with CA to identify locations in Oakland Mills for benches to be placed.

**CA Pools**

We continue to support the continuation of the Columbia Swims program and the reduced daily fee at selected outdoor pools.

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## **Community Organizer's Report**

**October 14, 2014**

### **Stevens Forest Food Drive**

The Stevens Forest Food Drive is scheduled to begin again next month. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the donated food. If you can donate two hours of your time for this great cause, please e-mail me. We are still collecting food for this event.

### **The String-A-Palooza Concert**

The String-A-Palooza Concert will be held on November 13th this year. Bridgeway Church will again play host to this Oakland Mills event. If you have not been to this event, you don't know what you are missing. All the schools that feed into Oakland Mills High School, including all local elementary schools, middle schools, and of course the Oakland Mills High School, will give you a string performance you will never forget. More information on this event will be posted in early November.

### **The Housing Study**

Attached to this report is information on 5 more housing projects approved by Howard County. The Shipley's Grant project is being developed by Bozzuto Homes.

## Simpson Mill Project

Located: 6711 Green Mill Way  
Columbia, Md. 21044

Approval Date:

Owner: Ryland Homes  
6240 Old Dobbin Lane Suite 190  
Columbia, Md. 21045  
410-290-0094

Developer: Ryland Homes

Zoning: R-SA-8

Description: SFA-150 SFA-MIHU 5

Simpson Mill Townhouses community is a new townhouse community with homes starting from \$462,990 with the square footage ranging from 2,066 square feet to 2,344 square feet. All the townhomes are equipped with garages.

### Linwood

3beds/2baths/1garage 2396 sq.ft. From: \$530,374

### Dorsey

3beds/2baths/1garage 2396 sq.ft. From: \$532,412

Ebinburgh

3beds/3.5baths/2garages

2674 sq.ft.

From: \$567,705

Glasgow

3beds/3.5baths/2garages

2674 sq.ft.

From \$547,471

All the required MIHUs have purchased. There were 5 MIHUs required.

## Ellicott Gardens

Located: 5505 Waterloo Road  
Ellicott City, Md. 21046

Approval Date: 4/24/2008

Owner: Howard County Housing Commission  
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia, Md. 21046

Developer: Bender Property II, LLC  
5304 Dorsey Hall Drive Ellicott City, Md.

Zoning: POR-Planned Office Research

Description: SFA-Age Restricted MIHU-Received 25  
SFA-MIHU-Received 36, Apts-106

One Bedroom Unit with One Bathroom

Square Footage	Rent
693sq.ft.	at 50%- \$737 at 60%- \$897

Two Bedroom Units with Two Bathrooms

1023sq.ft.	\$1078
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The Ellicott Gardens project was designed for low income rental residents of Howard County. All 106 units are MIHUs. Currently 103 units are rented out as MIHUs.

## Cherry Tree Park

Location: W-Side of Ice Crystal Drive, Columbia

Approval Date: 6/30/2008

Owner: Ice Crystal, LLC  
8835- P Columbia 100 Pkwy,  
Columbia, Md.

Developer: Ice Crystal, LLC  
7310 Esquire Court Suite10  
Elkridge, Md.

Zoning: Por-MXD-6 Planned Office Research-Mixed Use

Description: Apts. - Restricted (130) Age Restricted-MIHU 13

The Cherry Tree Park project has 130 condominium homes in an elevator building where there is one level living. This 55+ community has everything you would be looking for on one level. All units consist of 2 bedrooms and 2 baths.

The Hampton Court Model

Starts at \$250,000

2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms

1400 Square feet

The Chambord Model

Starts at \$260,000

2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms

1489 Square feet

The Cherry Tree Townhouse project has provided all 17 required MIHUs onsite.

## Howard Square Project (Elkridge)

Location: East of Port Capitol Drive NW of US RT. 1  
7500 Hearthside Way Elkridge, Md. 21075

Approval Date: 11/2/2012

Owner: ATAPCO Howard Square 1 Statutory Trust  
10 E Baltimore Street Suite 1600, Baltimore Md. 21202

Developer: The same as above

Zoning: CAC-CLI- Corridor Activity Center- Continuing Light Industrial

Description: SFA-409 Apts. 600

Howard Square project is a mixed-use development located in Howard County. The developer, Atapco, is currently developing townhome lots at Howard Square and developed Verde at Howard Square. Verde is a luxury apartment community that is Howard County's first apartment project designed to a Leed (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) Gold standard project. Upon completion Howard Square will be made up of 409 townhouses and 600 apartments.

### Verde at Howard Square

#### One Bedroom Apartments

Name	Beds/Baths	Sq. feet	Rents for
Bluestem	1bed/1 bath	688-842	1,375-1,550
Coneflower	1 bed/1 bath	750	1,455-1,500

Bluestem/loft	1 bed/1 bath	822-932	1,525-1,665
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**Two Bedrooms**

Indigo	2 beds/2 baths	984	1,685
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Vervain	2 beds/2 baths	1067	1,775-1,800
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Alexanders	2 beds/2 baths	1116-1190	1,790
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Senna	2 beds/2 baths	1019-1116	1,790
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Aster Den	2 beds/2 baths	1160-1284	1,825-1,910
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Vervain/loft	2 beds/2 baths	1214	1,875
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Alexanders/loft	2 beds/2 baths	1291-1337	1,910-1,975
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Rye	2 beds/2 baths	1341	2,000
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Aster Den/loft	2 beds/2 baths	1357-1514	2,100-2,175
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Rye/loft	2 beds/2 baths	1591	2,150
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There are 69 units set aside for the MIHU program. So far all units are pending. The Howard Square project is still under construction. The County has approved several transfers of MIHUs off-site for this project. 39 units were transferred to the Aladdin South mobile home park on Route 1, 33 units to the Beechcrest mobile home park on Route 1, and 55 units to the Deep Falls property adjacent to the Village Towns community near Howard Square.

## Burgess Mill Station-(Hill Top Redevelopment)

Location: W Side Ellicott Mills Drive at Mount Ida Drive

Ellicott City, Md.

Approval Date: 10/27/2011

Owner: Howard County Housing Commission

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive

Columbia, Md. 21046

Developers: Mill Towne Associates, LP

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Stavrou Associates

2661 Riva Road Bldg. 300 Suite 320

Annapolis, Md. 21401 410-571-6610

Zoning: R-VH, R-A-15, POR Residential: Village Housing

Residential: Apartments- Planned Office Research

Description: Apts. 170, Apts.-MIHU 20 SFA 28 Pool/Recreation Center

Parking Garage

The Burgess Mill Station represents a different model when it comes to affordable and low income housing in Howard County. Phase 1 of the project has been completed. There are a total of 198 units with 107 units rented at full market rent and 91 units are restricted to low

income residents. The Burgess Mill Station property is zoned R-A-15, which requires at least 10% of the units to be set aside as MIHUs. Next to the development is the new Roger Carter Center. The rents range from between 1,225-1,250 for a one bedroom apartment to 2,200 for three bedrooms.

### One Bedroom Units

Name	Beds/Baths	Sq. Ft.	Rental Price
Patapsco	1bed/1bath/GR	974	
Tiber	1bed/1bath/GR	885	
Worthington	1bed/1bath/GR	882	

### Two Bedroom Units

Hampton	2beds/1-1/2baths/GR	1445	
Rockland	2beds/1-1/2baths/GR	1241	
Howard	2beds/1-1/2baths/GR	1269	
Summit	2beds/2baths/GR	1311	
Fenwick	2beds/2baths/GR	1279	
Solomon	2beds/2baths/GR/Garage	1117	
Patterson	2beds/2baths/GR	1180	
Waverly	2beds/2bath/GR	972	
Burgess	2beds/2baths/GR	1113	

### Three Bedroom Units

McHenry II	3beds/2baths/GR/Garage	1816
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McHenry	3beds/2baths/GR/Garage	1982
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GR- Great Room

Phase 2 of Burgess Mill Station is scheduled to begin soon.



Education Committee Report  
Jonathan Edelson & John DiTomasso, Co-chairs

The committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7th, in The Other Barn.

The first item of discussion was a program brought to our attention by Kim Prium, special assistant to Councilman Calvin Ball. This is a tutoring program run out of Long Reach High School for Long Reach students. Ms. Prium is collecting more information about the program. The committee discussed the program and determined that while we may want to inform our schools of its existence, we could not be responsible for administering such a program in OM schools.

As a result of this discussion, we also discussed tutoring and mentoring services available in OM schools. A-OK is one such service and provides free mentoring through the school.

The second item of discussion was a review of the Board of Education Forum held September 17th. All in attendance agreed the forum went very well and liked the format. There was one comment about candidates answering some audience questions referring to what they wrote in the pre-submitted responses; however, we did not provide these responses to the audience until after the forum. We agreed that while this was a minor issue, it was still preferable to distribute the written responses at the end of the forum so the audience could be engaged in the live forum rather than distracted by reading through many pages of information.

Sandy will include reminders of the availability of BOE candidates' written responses in the OM newsletter as the election date approaches (November 4). The co-chairs asked members of the committee to distribute reminders as well.

The third item of discussion was upcoming PTA Council of Howard County events. These include a BOE candidate roundtable discussion, 10/12 from 4-6 at Atholton HS, a BOE meeting with the Community Advisory Council and PTA Presidents, 10/14 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the BOE facility, and a County Executive candidate forum on 10/19, 6-7:30 p.m. at Mt. Hebron HS. For the county executive forum, Howard County residents can e-mail PTACHC their questions.

The fourth item on the agenda was school news. Oakland Mills HS football continued its undefeated season at the time (they have since lost one game). An Oakland Mills Middle student's art is on display at the Howard County government building. OMMS PTSA is also successfully recruiting student members and held a restaurant night at Shop House on the 7th.

Upcoming education events of interest:

Savage Community Association BOE forum, 10/15 from 6-9 at Bollman Bridge ES.  
Authorpalooza, 10/18 from 2-4 at Oakland Mills HS.

Beyond the meeting, members of the OMCA Board learned at the village festival that the OMHS band is looking for donations to purchase new percussion equipment. Jonathan Edelson and Kay Wisniewski have contacted the band director for more information to determine how we can advocate for the band.

Kay Wisniewski will also meet with the OMHS Fine Arts Boosters on Wednesday, 10/15, to learn more about them.

Stevens Forest ES is looking for volunteers on 10/15 during lunch periods to help with the “Blue Pinky Promise” to prevent bullying. Anyone interested should contact the PTA at [sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com](mailto:sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com)

Stevens Forest ES will also provide Thanksgiving meals and Christmas presents to pre-identified families in need in the community. Anyone interested in contributing can bring non-perishable food items to the school for its food drive or can contact Assistant Principal Trish Lannon at [trish\\_lannon@hcpss.org](mailto:trish_lannon@hcpss.org) for more information.