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

January 13, 2015

Regular OMCA BoD Meeting

Ms. Thomas 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; Jervis Dorton, AC Chair; Jonathan Edelson; Paul Verchinski; Kay Wisniewski; Reginald Avery, CA Board; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

Also Present: Calvin Ball, Howard County Council; Kim Pruum, Special Assistant to Councilman Calvin Ball; John Byrd, Director of HC Recreation and Parks; Clara Gouin, HC Recreation and Parks; See Resident List

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned that the agenda for January 13, 2015 (ATTACHMENT “A”) be approved with amendment to include discussion of a donation to OMHS Fine Arts Boosters. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the December 9, 2015 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT “B”). **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Resident Remarks

- Resident Bryan Hagan issued a concern regarding the number of vehicles parked in front of one of his neighbors’ houses and the number of residents possibly living in the house. Resident Doris Morgan reiterated the same concern. **Ms. Cederbaum** asked resident to follow-up with OMCA Covenant Advisor, Deb Bach. Kim Pruum, Special Assistant to Calvin Ball, said she too would follow-up.
- **Ms. Williams** noted one other amendment to the agenda; Officer Pickett will be at the next OMCA Board meeting on January 27th.

Blandair Park Discussion

- John Byrd, Director of HC Recreation and Parks, shared maps and description of the next phases of construction in Blandair Park. Mr. Byrd distributed the “Blandair Park Estimated Project Phasing Time Line December 10, 2014 (ATTACHMENT “C”).
- Mr. Byrd indicated that they would be breaking ground for Phase 2 possibly in the next two months. Phase 3 is at the conceptual design phase.

- **Mr. Dorton** expressed concern over closing Oakland Mills Road just past Shadowfall Terrace and the negative impact it would have on Oakland Mills residents' access to the village.
- Clara Gouin responded that access may be an issue during construction, but once the bridge is completed this will not be an issue.
- Ms. Gouin stated there will be three new roundabouts: Oakland Mills and Old Montgomery Road, Rte. 175 South and Route 175 North.
- Ms. Pruiam asked if Blandair Park directional signs will be moved appropriately during construction and closures. Ms. Gouin responded that State Highway has taken care of that.
- Mr. Byrd recommended the OMCA Board invite HC Traffic and Engineering to a board meeting to answer some of the questions being asked as many are under their jurisdiction.
- **Mr. Verchinski** asked about the Multi Use Pathway and the want for it to continue into the parking lot on the south side of Blandair Park. Mr. Byrd stated he is agreement with that.
- A resident asked about parking capacity. Ms. Gouin stated there will be an increase in parking spaces as the additional phases are put into place.
- **Mr. McCormack** stated the importance of continued communication between HC Recreation and Parks and the OMCA Board.
- **Ms. Thomas** expressed concern over the possible residents' response to new phases of the park that are adjacent to their homes. Mr. Byrd stated he has met with residents and vetted their concerns. Councilmember Ball stated that another meeting with the residents should be held to speak with the residents who have houses that are adjacent ball fields.
- **Ms. Thomas** asked Howard County Recreation and Parks to be a partner and possibly take a leadership role regarding a multi-use sports complex in Oakland Mills.

Board Co-Chair Remarks

- **Ms. Thomas** stated that she will be testifying at the January 15th CA meeting regarding indoor aquatic facilities

CCR Report

- **Mr. Avery** announced that the CA headquarters will be moving as their current lease is expiring. He described the timeline as to how this move came about.
- Haven on the Lake's Acting Manager, Rob Goldman, would like to come and give a presentation to the OMCA Board. **Mr. Avery** gave updated information regarding Haven on the Lake. Additional information about Haven on the Lake can be found at havenonthelake.org.

Managers' Report

- Ms. Cederbaum distributed copy of Manager's Report along with Proposed 2015 Election Calendar and the 2015 Election Monitor Committee members. (ATTACHMENT "D")
- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the 2015 Election Calendar as submitted and approve Bob Berlett and Bob Bartolo as Election Monitor Committee co-chairs and approve the other committee members. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Committee Reports

- **Architecture** – None at this time.
- **Safety** – None at this time.
- **Housing** – None at this time.
- **Education** – Report attached (ATTACHMENT "E").

New Business

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve a \$50 donation from the OMCA Board to the OMHS Fine Arts Boosters. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- Discussion ensued regarding an email to be sent to HC Traffic and Engineering with recommendations regarding the Streetscape project in Oakland Mills. **Mr. McCormack** will revise email and send to the OMCA Board for review.
- **Ms. Thomas** announced the meeting this coming Monday, 1/19, with the District 13 delegation. It is an open meeting at The Other Barn and will be held from 9:30-am-10:30am. This meeting is specifically to discuss economic development in Oakland Mills.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

Action Items for Next Meeting (1/27/15)

Staff Actions – **Ms. Cederbaum** will inform Ms. Bach of the concerns addressed during Resident Speak-Out.

Board Actions – **Mr. McCormack** will revise a letter to HC Traffic regarding Thunder Hill Road (South) street scape proposals.



**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

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Board meeting w/CA Attorneys on Covenant Issues

**Oakland Mills Board Meeting
January 13, 2015**

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of meeting**
 Approve the agenda for tonight's meeting
 Approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Resident Remarks**
- 7:10 p.m. Blandair Park Discussion, Clara Goins, HC Rec and Parks**
- 8:25 p.m. HC Police, Recent Vandalisms, Officer Michael Pickett**
- 8:45 p.m. Board Co-Chair Remarks, Ginny Thomas, Bill McCormack**
- 8:55 p.m. CCR Report, Reginald Avery**
- 9:05 p.m. Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum**
- 9:10 p.m. Committee Reports**
Architecture Committee, Jervis Dorton
Safety Committee, Tawania Williams
Housing, Bill McCormack
Education, Jonathan Edelson, John DiTomasso
- 9:25 p.m. New Business**
- 9:30 p.m. Board Bulletin Board**
- 9:35 p.m. Adjourn**

Upcoming Events:

- Old Geezer Workshop: begins 1/14**
Lively Arts: Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
Community Meeting on OM Master Plan: Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m.
OM Board Meeting: January 27, 7:00 p.m.
OM Board Meeting: Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.
50+ Bingo: Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
OM Board Meeting: Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.
Baby Expo: March 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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Architecture Committee

Attendees: 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: Stacy and Evelyn Mogren; Elinda Dennis, RAC; Susan Lynn, RAC

Absent: Jervis Dorton, AC Chair

**Appeal Address: 5601 Thunder Hill Road
Application 11153**

Mr. McCormack called the appeal to order at 6:33pm. **Ms. Bach** presented the background information. **Mr. McCormack** described the process. Evelyn Mogren provided additional information regarding her reasoning for appeal.

Ms. Thomas made a motion to overturn the AC decision. **Mr. Verchinski** seconded. The vote was (3-3-0) and therefore the motion does not carry. The AC decision is upheld.

Regular OMCA BoD Meeting

Mr. McCormack called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:32 pm.

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

Also Present: Karen Gray, Bridge Columbia; Cathy Spain, Bridge Columbia; See Resident List

Absent: Jervis Dorton, Fred Eiland, Community Organizer

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned that the agenda for December 9, 2014 (ATTACHMENT "A") be approved. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the November 12, 2014 OMCA Board meeting minutes and the November 18, 2014 special meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT “B”). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Bridge Columbia Draft Feasibility Executive Summary Discussion (ATTACHMENT “C” and “D”)

- Karen Gray, Bridge Columbia, distributed “Bridge Columbia Report to Oakland Mills Village Board, December 2014” (ATTACHMENT “E”).
- **Mr. McCormack** requested that on Page 6, 4th line down, add “and surrounding areas.” Page 7 under “2015”, add property maintenance, including mowed lawn, raised canopy, native trees, provision for environmental concerns, keeping in mind the deer problem.
- **Ms. Gray** stated she would revise the “Summary Comments” and send it to the OMCA Board.
- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to add the OMCA Board to the Joint Statement on the Downtown Columbia Bridge Feasibility Study Executive Summary. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Master Plan 2/Community Update

- **Mr. McCormack** and **Ms. Thomas** will be meeting with **Mr. Dorton** to complete the drawings for the Master Plan 2. There will be a meeting on December 15, 2014 for further discussion.

Board Co-Chair Remarks

- **Mr. McCormack** announced he is a part of the County Executive Elect Kittleman’s transition team on housing. The goal will be to educate people outside the community regarding housing. Housing reports are due January 12, 2015.
- **Ms. Thomas** stated that Diane Wilson from County Executive Elect Kittleman’s team is working on getting the OMCA board on the County Executive elects schedule for January.

CCR Report

- Hobbit’s Glen Clubhouse and turn house construction continues. Everything scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2015.
- Indoor Pool discussion remains open.
- Haven on the Lake is opening in 3 phases: 12/6 – Wellness Spa; 12/15 – Mind and Body Movement Classes; 12/22 – Healing and Relaxation Pool. \$6.5 million was spent, \$2.5 million over the original amount requested. Open House will be held 12/10 at 5pm.
- Pathway around Lake Kittimaquandi was completed in November.
- Howard County Planning has approved 2 phases of the Inner Arbor Plan.
- **Mr. Avery** stated he has been selected to be a part of County Executive Elect Kittleman’s Public Safety Transition Team. Some of the objectives are to: increase community relations with all of Columbia; have a better handle on cyber-crime; awareness of phone scams; encouraging reporting of suspicious activity.

Managers’ Report

- Distributed copy of Manager’s Report along with FY 15 2nd Quarter Financials (ATTACHMENT “F”) for discussion/acceptance
- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the FY 15 2nd Quarter Financials as submitted. **Mr. Edelson**

seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Committee Reports

- **Safety – Ms. Williams** met with Officer Pickett who gave updates on recent events
- **Housing** – Has had no meeting since September. Waiting for Master Plan 2 to be approved to move forward.
- **Education** – Report attached (ATTACHMENT “G”). **Mr. Edelson** thanked **Ms. Cederbaum** and **Sarah Pomerantz** for their email newsletter School Happenings that they have been distributing.
- **Senior Issues Update** – **Mr. Verchinski** stated that the Senior Advisory Committee reached out to the Korean community (250 member senior group). The Advisory Committee has put in budget requests to the CA. Pickleball has emerged at CA and takes place once a week at the Owen Brown Tennis bubble on a pilot basis. The Senior Advisory Committee continues to work with the Village in Howard. The final Master Plan for the Senior Population in Howard County is scheduled to be released in January.

New Business

- The testimony for the December 17th meeting with the County Executive Committee Hearing was discussed. Requests discussed were: support for Bridge Columbia, funding for Economic Development Study in OM, funding for OM schools, funding for completion of the Streetscape project, funding for the extension of the pathway all the way to Blandair Park, assistance from CA to make sure we get additional patrolling (electric cycles); village roadside leaf collection.
- Resident Froydis Beckerman asked about covenant violation follow-up.

The regular OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

OMCA Board went into closed session.

Action Items for Next Meeting (1/13/15)

Staff Actions

Board Actions

Blandair Park Estimated Project Phasing Time Line (N3102) December 10, 2014

Phase 1A (Started Construction Nov. 16, 2010, Grand Opening March 17, 2012)

- Entrance Road from Oakland Mills Road
- Three Artificial Turf Multi-Purpose Fields with lights bleachers & press-boxes
- Parking
- Playground
- Walkways

Phase 1B (Started Construction Fall 2012, Construction completed Summer 2013)

- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Pavilion
- Landscaping
- Started Design of Phase 2 (design completion –Fall 2013)

Phase 2 (Est. start of construction Spring 2015, estimated completion Fall 2016)

- Two Artificial Turf Baseball Fields with lights
- Five Tennis Courts
- Parking
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Comfort Stations with Storage Rooms
- Pathways
- Start Design of Phase 3 - Fall 2013 (est. design completion – Winter 2014)
- Start Schematic Design of Phase 6 – Fall 2013 (est. Schematic design completion – Spring 2014)
- Start Full Design of Phase 6 – Summer 2014 (est. design completion – Fall 2015)

Phase J (South) (Est. start of construction with Phase 2, 2015, est. completion - Fall 2016)

- Realignment of Oakland Mills Road
- Access and Egress Ramps to Route 175

Phase 3 (Est. start of construction Fall 2015; est. completion Fall 2016)

- Maintenance Building with Offices, Storage, and Fenced Yard
- Parking Lot
- Playground
- Backyard Games (Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Croquet)
- Dog Park
- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Pavilion/Shade Structure
- Pathways & Bridges
- Start Full Design of Phase 6 – Summer 2014 (est. design completion – Spring 2015)

**Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum
Oakland Mills Community Association
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Neighborhood Issues:

Continue to meet with responsible parties and Shadow Oaks Board member to address the trimming of trees adjacent to the path behind the shopping centers. Commitment from County and Cedar Shopping Centers to trim up trees from bottom.

In contact with HCPD regarding recent multiple vandalisms to vehicles.

Farewell Road Traffic Action Committee: Met with newly formed committee, Kim Pruim, Buck Bohmer and residents from Thunder Hill to discuss TAC street calming process. County has since provided a map to the committee of suggested hump placement.

Hosted the artists reception at the Meeting House on Jan. 11

Created multiple online enews publications

Processed Payroll, 401K, Met with Staff (daily), Bank deposits, meeting with Bookkeeper
Processed 1099s and distributed W2s

Met with the chairs of the Election Monitor Committee to create the election calendar, process for handing out candidate packets and reviewed the election rules and guidelines.

Holiday Events:

Attended all holiday programs and events at The Other Barn – the following were held and all sold out: Polar Express, 4 shows; Breakfast with Santa, 2 seatings; Jazz in the Mills, sold out show (220 tickets)



2015 Oakland Mills ELECTION CALENDAR

- Tues., Jan. 27** Election Committee members and Chair appointed
- Tues., Feb. 10** 9:00 a.m. **“Candidate Packets,”** including **“Nomination Petitions”** are available.
- Tues., Feb. 24** 6:30 p.m. at The Other Barn **Information Session on Serving on OM Board/CCR** Refreshments and Conversation - learn more about serving on the Oakland Mills Board or as a Columbia Council Representative.
- Fri., March 6** 4:00 p.m. Candidate **“Nomination Petitions”** and candidate’s **statements due.**
*Residents are eligible to vote if they have resided in OM since this date.
- Drawing of names to determine placement order on the election ballot.**
- March 11 – Residents are eligible to vote if they have owned property and/or resided in Oakland Mills since this date.*
- Late March/Early April** **Ballots with inserts in mail**
- Tues., April 7** 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. **Election Meet the Candidates** (*If no forum*) or 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Election Forum** (*If the election is not contested there will not be a forum.*)
- Fri., April 24** **Deadline for receiving mail-in ballots.** *No business reply mail is delivered on Saturday.*
- Sat., April 25** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Voting at The Other Barn**
5:30 p.m. **Vote counting at The Other Barn begins**

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Updated 1/8/14

Berlett	Bob	5456 Hound Hill Court	410-997-3863	Columbia_Berlett@juno.com	Co-Chair
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Bartolo	Bob	9570 Long Look Lane	410-730-1833	bobsadj@aol.com	Co-Chair
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Gettleman	Jerry	5447 Hound Hill Ct.	410-730-3935	jgettleman@verizon.net	
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Koelle	Donna	6145 Forty Winks Way	410-730-7856	islands12@verizon.net	
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Lesane	Lenore	6207 Stevens Forest Rd	401-596-6172	onepinki@verizon.net	
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Heazel	Barbara	9413 Bullring Lane	4436360845	Paddlebow-barb@yahoo.com	
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Phillips	Paula	5834 Stevens Forest Rd #12	410-730-2883 301-585-6192	phillipssp@hocmc.org	
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Towner	Lawana	9561 Transfer Row cell	410-705-3987 410-428-2929	basic7@comcast.net adamsons@verizon.net	
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Phil Dopkowski
 Judy Dopkowski
 Charlotte Cook
 Ken Cederbaum
 Cathy Berlett
 Sadj Bartolo
 Lorna
 Walls
 Judy Gettleman
 Brigitta Warren
 Michael Knott
 Phil Dopkowski
 Marc Tolson

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

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

The first agenda item at the Education Committee meeting was school news:

OMHS: Mid-terms are approaching. The Early College Program has been announced and will be run by Mr. Smart. There is a meeting for families on the evening of January 13 at OMHS. The OMHS theatre group is participating in the Maryland State Thespian Festival.

OMMS: OMMS held its spelling bee, which went very well. OMMS is planning a spaghetti dinner that may be open to the community. More details to follow as they plan the event.

SFES: SFES is holding its first Art Night Extravaganza on January 8. It will unveil the mosaic mural students created with the assistance of a local artist thanks to a Howard County Arts Council grant the PTA received. SFES will also recognize the students who participated in the National PTA Reflections Art Program. Several have been selected to move on to the county level.

TSES: TSES held its spelling bee, and like OMMS, the spelling bee went well. TSES is holding its International Festival on January 8. TSES also participated in the Reflections program and is awaiting word on which students move on to the county level.

The next agenda item was the "State of Our Schools" Town Hall:

Members of the committee should submit ideas for topics and format to Jon & John. The event will include all schools with students who ultimately feed up to OMHS. Jon is working on coordination with Frank Eastham of HCPSS Central Office (and former OMHS Principal). The event is scheduled for April 29, but there may be a conflict for OMMS. Ms. Nash alerted the OMMS Principal and Mr. Edelson alerted Mr. Eastham.

The committee went into discussion about potential topics of discussion. Much of the focus was on OMMS and what programs or events it could be known for. The OMMS PTA President also noted that OMMS currently does not have a Student Government Association (SGA). There was some discussion of possibly asking local leaders to talk to OMMS students to inspire them toward SGA.

Other Education Items

Two Oakland Mills schools were featured in the newspaper for very positive developments. SFES appeared in the education section for its Art Night and mosaic mural unveiling. OMHS was featured in a full article for the new early college program. The OMHS early college administrator said he was very pleased with the way the article portrayed the program and OMHS.

Dr. Foose presented her proposed budget to the Board of Education on January 8.

The Board of Education suspended its citizen budget review committee while it revamps the process.

At the January 15 Board of Education meeting, the PTA Council of Howard County plans to ask for changes to the school wellness policy to allow for more flexibility. SFES and OMMS PTA/PTSA are in favor of this.