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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 ~ Lynn-Steven Engelke
Judy Gottsagen ~ Paul Verchinski
Reginald Avery, Columbia Council Representative

May 24, 2016

OMCA Regular BoD Meeting

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 pm.

Present:: Jonathan Edelson, Vice-Chair; Reginald Avery, CA Board; Lynn-Stevn Engelke; Judy Gottsagen; Paul Verchinski; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

Absent: Ginny Thomas, Co-Chair; Kay Wisniewski, AC Chair

Also Present: Gerry Witte, PSAC Chair; Steve Gottsagen, Safety and Security Liaison; John DiTomasso, Education Co-Chair; Daniel Kirk-Davidoff, CA Watershed Advisory Liaison; Jim Alvey, CA Tennis Committee Liasion; See resident list

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Avery** motioned that the agenda for May 24, 2016 (ATTACHMENT “A”) be approved. **Ms. Gottsagen** seconded and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Ms. Gottsagen** motioned to accept the May 10, 2016 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT “D”). **Ms. Engelke** seconded and the motion passed (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

- Resident Pam Vanghel asked about Oakland Mills Village Center being left out of the Kimco newspaper ad. **Ms. Cederbaum** responded that Oakland Mills Shopping Center is not owned by Kimco and therefore would not be part of their ad. Resident Vanghel also requested that when Oakland Mills is working on reinventing Oakland Mills, she hopes for a “warm” feel to the Village.
- Resident Neil Patel asked for an update regarding the Stevens Forest/Farewell Rd roundabout that was being discussed and if the residents in the four corner houses would have any say. **Ms. Cederbaum** responded that there has not been any plans given to the OMCA Board or staff and no community meeting date has been set. The County will host a community meeting to share the proposed plans. The resident asked how residents will be informed of the meeting and updates. **Ms. Cederbaum** responded that updates will be provided through the OM ENews, notices around the OM community, and the Flier.
- Resident Carol Brain stated that questions about the roundabout can be directed to Carol Brain or John DiTomasso.

(Mr. McCormack arrived at 7:10pm).

- Resident Brain asked what the status of the roundabout is from the OMCA Board’s perspective. **Mr.**

McCormack stated that the OMCA Board will review the letters that were sent to Krish Jaraganapu and see where everything stands. **Mr. Edelson** gave some clarification stating that based on an email about a conversation **Ms. Cederbaum** had with Ms. Pruim from April 15, 2016, the roundabout is moving forward and a community meeting (per County code) will follow once the County reaches 30% completion of the design phase. **Ms. Cederbaum** stated she will email Mr. Jaraganapu to see how close the County is to the 30%.

- Resident John DiTomasso stated that he had concerns following the Feasibility Study presentation that took place on May 10th regarding the use of the 2007 Master Plan. He stated that the study has to talk about the larger concept of the village or it will not go anywhere. He stated that as the study continues, he hopes the consultants do not just focus on the retail.
- **Mr. Edelson** clarified what the consultants stated about the 2007 Master Plan; the use of its graphics.
- A discussion took place regarding the feasibility study and what it includes and what its focus will be.
- **Mr. McCormack** stated that he, **Ms. Thomas**, and **Ms. Cederbaum** met with the consultants and the two County representatives last Thursday to discuss the parameters of the study. He announced there will be a community meeting on June 6th that will seek input from the community.

New Business

- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to reappoint Gerry Witte to be the Public Space Advisory Committee Chair, Jim Alvey to be the OM Representative to the CA Tennis Advisory Committee and Daniel Kirk-Davidoff to be the OM Representative to the CA Watershed Advisory Committee. **Mr. Avery** seconded and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- Gerry Witte, Public Space Advisory Committee Chair, gave an update (ATTACHMENT "C"). He stated that any concerns or questions residents may have regarding open space may be sent to open.space@columbiaassociation.org or to **Mr. Avery**.
- Daniel Kirk-Davidoff, CA Water Advisory Committee Rep, stated that other villages have now been successful standing up Watershed Advisory Committees. There have been successful efforts in treating runoff which has reduced flooding. The staff at CA has been working through the long list of tasks that was created before Mr. Kirk-Davidoff joined. He stated that a lot of work has been done on Camelback Lane behind New Leaf Court. Mr. Kirk-Davidoff will provide an archive of notes from the previous year's meetings which will be available on the Oakland Mills website. Feel free to email Mr. Kirk-Davidoff with any issues you might have.
- Jim Alvey, CA Tennis Committee Rep, provided an update (ATTACHMENT "D").

CCR Report

- **Mr. Avery** stated that at the last CA Board meetings all of village Board Representatives were voted in as the Village Board Representatives as the representatives of Columbia and all were voted in as the CA Board of Directors.
- President Milton Matthews has accepted the contract to be the Columbia Association President for three more years.
- The CA Board has been discussing membership rates and trying to restructure to make more sense. The CA Board welcomes residents' comments. **Mr. Avery** will provide **Ms. Cederbaum** with the CA membership rate breakdown.
- The next CA meeting will take place Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7pm. To locate the agenda for the upcoming meeting, look on the homepage of the CA website, go to the Board of Directors, go to Board

meetings and open up the packet. The agenda will be a part of the packet.

Committee Reports

Arts Advisory

- **Mr. Verchinski** stated that he has looked at the police trailer and the back of the OM Village buildings. He is talking to **Ms. Gottsagen** to know if the police trailer will be staying or going. He stated that in the past two years work has been done behind the Food Lion. He suggested making the back entrance by the Food Lion an alternate entrance to the OM Village Center to possibly get more business from residents who are using the multi-use pathway. He stated he plans on talking to the Second Chance owners to see if they would consider opening up on Saturday and Sunday mornings to serve coffee.

Education

- They will the first meeting of this Board year on Thursday, June 14th at 6pm. Mr. DiTomasso did apply to be on the committee that reviews the Howard County school redistricting policy.

Housing

- **Mr. McCormack** stated that the committee has agreed to meet on an as needed basis. **Mr. McCormack** is in the process of taking all of the ideas that the housing committee has put together and put it into a comprehensive plan for all housing in Oakland Mills.

NEAC

- The first meeting of this Board year will take place on June 28th at 6pm. At this meeting, the committee will decide what it wants to do and whether it will be a committee or a working group.
- On June 13th, **Ms. Engelke, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Cederbaum** will be meeting with the Oakland Mills apartment managers. **Ms. Engelke** will be asking the apartment managers to identify residents who might want to be a part of the committee.

Safety and Security

- The first meeting of this Board year will be held on June 21st at 7pm. Meetings will regularly be held the third Tuesday of each month. The goals of this committee are to establish a safer environment in Oakland Mills, establish a relationship with the fire, police and EMT. At the first meeting, the committee will look at what the committee wants to do, what are the issues, and how the committee wants to go about attacking the issues.

Board Bulletin Board

- **Mr. Edelson** announced that SFES will be hosting its Field Day on Friday May 27th and there will be loud music playing.
- **Mr. Avery** announced he is now a part of the Howard County Commission on Aging.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** stated that she had sent an email to the OMCA Board regarding information she had received from Nancy Tucker. The bridge path sign will say “closed”, but the workers will stop working and allow individuals to cross if needed. There will be no shuttle provided.

- She stated that in her opinion the trash cans that have been placed at the intersection of Whiteacre and Thunder Hill should be removed. She spoke with Ms. Tucker who stated that the trash cans will remain there.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** also asked Ms. Tucker about the signage. Ms. Tucker stated that the signs are meant as directional signs not street signs.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** stated that the village managers have been contacted about contributing to the restoration of village signs to be on display at Columbia's 50th. The village managers suggested using funds out of the village contingency fund. **Ms. Cederbaum** will be asking for the OMCA Board to vote on this at the next Board meeting.

The OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

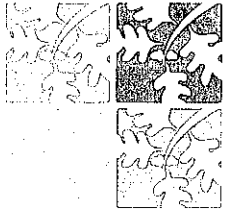
Action Items from May 24, 2016 OMCA Board Meeting

FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. McCormack will review the two letters that were sent to Krish Jaragnapu and what Mr. Jaragnapu's response was.
- Mr. Avery will provide Ms. Cederbaum with the CA membership rate breakdown.

FOR STAFF:

- Ms. Cederbaum will email Krish Jaraganpu to see how close to the 30% Howard County is with the roundabout designs.
- Ms. Cederbaum will send information about the restoration of village signs to be displayed at the Lake during Columbia's 50th Birthday celebration.



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

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Jonathan Edelson, Vice Chair; Kay Wisniewski, Architecture Chair
Lynn-Steven Engelke, Judy Gottsagen, Paul Verchinski
Reginald Avery, Columbia Council Representative

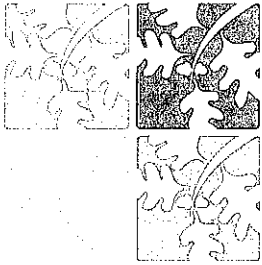
**May 24, 2016
Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m.
The Other Barn**

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of meeting**
Approve the agenda for tonight's meeting
Approve the minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Resident Remarks**
- 7:10 p.m. New Business**
Committee Liaison Appointments and Reports
OMCA Public and Open Space Committee, Gerry Witte
CA Tennis Committee, Jim Alvey
CA Watershed Advisory Committee, Daniel Kirk-Davidoff
- 7:40 p.m. Board Co-Chair Remarks,**
Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack Jr.
- 7:50 p.m. CA Board Report, Reginald Avery**
- 8:00 p.m. Committee Reports**
Arts Advisory, Paul Verchinski
Education, Jonathan Edelson and John DiTomasso
Housing, Bill McCormack Jr.
Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Committee, Lynn-Steven Engelke
Safety & Security, Judy Gottsagen and Steven Gottsagen
- 8:20 p.m. Board Bulletin Board**
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn**

Upcoming Events: for details on all events visit: oaklandmills.org
June 13, HOA Board/ Property Manager Meeting/Presentation, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.
June 14, OMCA Education Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
June 14, OMCA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 15, Oakland Mills Food Giveaway, OM Interfaith Center Parking Lot, 5 – 7p.m.

June 21, Safety and Security Committee Meeting, 7 – 8 p.m.
June 23, Mosquito Information Workshop, 7 p.m.
June 26, Jazz in the Mills Presents Shirletta Settles, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
June 28, OMCA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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May 10, 2016

OMCA Regular BoD Meeting

Ms. Cederbaum called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Bill McCormack, Board Co-Chair; Ginny Thomas, Board Co-Chair; Jonathan Edelson, Vice-Chair; Kay Wisniewski, AC Chair; Reginald Avery, CA Board; Lynn-Stevn Engelke; Judy Gottsagen; Paul Verchinski; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

Also Present: Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman; Milton Matthews, Columbia Association President/CEO; Eric Smart, Bolan Smart; Pam Dubois, Bolan Smart; Tom Moriarity, Retail and Development Strategies; Kristin O'Connor Mazerski, Chief, Comprehensive and Community Planning Division, Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning; Kate Bollinger, Project Manager and Community Planner, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning; Kim Prumm, Special Assistant to Councilman Calvin Ball; See resident list

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to suspend the regular order of business so that the OMCA Board can take care of two important things: nominate OMCA Board Co-Chairs and get right to tonight's presentation so that our distinguished guests are not kept waiting. **Ms. Gottsagen** seconded.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** called for nominations for Co-Chairs of the OMCA Board.
- **Mr. McCormack** nominated **Ms. Thomas** to serve as the Co-Chair of the OMCA Board. **Ms. Thomas** nominated **Mr. McCormack** to serve as Co-Chair of the OMCA Board. There were no more nominations. **Ms. Cederbaum** closed the nominations.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** called for a vote to select **Mr. McCormack** and **Ms. Thomas** to serve as the Co-Chairs of the OMCA Board from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. A vote was taken and passed (7-0-0).

Introduction of County and CA Officials Responsible for Obtaining Study and Explanation of Process for Conducting Feasibility Study

- **Mr. McCormack** thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He stated that Councilman Calvin Ball was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled meeting. **Mr. McCormack** introduced Milton Matthews, CA President.
- Mr. Matthews stated that he was glad to be a part of this process and the opportunities it presents. He values the partnership with the Columbia villages and looks forward to continue to working with the Oakland Mills Village Board.
- **Mr. McCormack** introduced County Executive Allan Kittleman.

- County Executive Kittleman thanked the Oakland Mills Village Board for their persistence. He stated he is pleased that Milton Matthews is continuing as the CA President. He mentioned RENEW Howard. This program will leverage about \$20 million dollars to repair homes in areas where it may be difficult to sell your home. The idea is to revitalize the areas all around Howard County. He stated it was his goal to have the community be a part of the process of the feasibility study.
- County Executive Kittleman introduced Christine O'Connor Mazerski, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning. She introduced the individuals that would be involved in conducting the feasibility study: Kate Bollinger, Project Manager, Howard County; Pam DuBois, Director of Community Services, Bolan Smart Associates; Eric Smart, Managing Principal, Bolan Smart Associates; Tom Moriarity, Managing Principal, Retail and Development Strategies and Paul Ostergaard, Managing Principal, Urban Design Associates (currently out of town).
- Ms. Mazerski gave an introduction of Bolan Smart Associates. Ms. Mazerski presented the Howard County Slideshow presentation (ATTACHMENT "B").
- Eric Smart, Pam DuBois and Tom Moriarity each gave a brief statement about their role in the feasibility study. They gave an overview presentation as to how the study will proceed (ATTACHMENT "C").
- Resident Paul Wisniewski asked if the study would include the OM Village Center Community Plan created in 2015 as well as the 2007 Master Plan. Bolan Smart will include both.
- Resident Evelyn Mogren asked if the study would include looking at the regional areas and what is out there; such as area ice rinks. Mr. Moriarity responded yes, they will be looking at other ice rinks and what surrounds them. The idea is to use the assets that are already present in the area. Ms. DuBois stated that Bolan Smart has already been briefed by the Columbia Association as to what facilities they have wanted to upgrade.
- Resident Claudia Hollywood asked if aside from creating a vision of what the Oakland Mills Village Center could be, will Bolan Smart also help make it happen. Mr. Smart stated that Bolan Smart will not be rewriting the vision; Oakland Mills already has done that.
- Resident Jervis Dorton asked if Bolan Smart would be developing ideas and have contact with developers. Mr. Smart responded stating that half of the work done in the study is with developers, but during the study they will "not be lining up a deal." He stated that at the next community meeting, most likely in early June, there will be more information.
- A resident asked if the study would be looking at Thunder Hill. Mr. Smart responded that the study has very defined areas.
- Resident Janice Rattley asked about the relationship between the County and subsidized housing in Oakland Mills. Mr. Smart stated that there was no relationship. He stated that the study will be looking at what is a mix of housing that can be supportive of the study. County Executive Kittleman interceded stating that subsidized housing is not Bolan Smarts responsibility.
- Resident Bob Bartolo asked if a traffic consultant would be working with Bolan Smart. Mr. Smart responded that they have not committed any resources and with the current feasibility budget, he cannot promise that this will be looked at. Ms. DuBois stated that the group will be looking at the current commuters, parents dropping children off at schools. Mr. Moriarity stated that they will be looking at how to balance everything, including traffic.
- Resident Liz Smull asked about Giant Food and Food Lion. Mr. Smart responded that Food Lion will be a big part of the picture; fundamentals of what can support your village center.
- Resident John DiTomasso asked what the village center has been defined as. Mr. Smart stated that the study will look at all of the defined 196 acre area.
- Mr. Smart stated that he welcomes additional thoughts.
- Resident Mogren asked if appropriate signage would be included.
- **Mr. McCormack** thanked everyone for being there and announced a ten minute recess at 8:15pm.

Mr. McCormack called the meeting back to order at 8:29pm.

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned that the agenda for May 10, 2016 (ATTACHMENT “A”) be approved. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the April 26, 2016 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT “D”). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-1). **Mr. Verchinski** abstained as he was not at the April 26, 2016 OMCA Board meeting.
- **Ms. Thomas** nominated **Mr. Edelson** as Vice-Chair of the OMCA Board. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0). Ms. Thomas stated that Mr. Edelson will be working with Board/Staff on communications/marketing initiatives.
- Bob Bartolo, Election Committee Co-Chair, gave the 2016 election report. There were 371 residents who voted. He commended the election committee and the OMCA staff for all of their work. All of the nominated candidates won. By-law #1 passed (318-49) and By-law #2 passed (313-52)
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the 2016 election results. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Board Action Items

- **Ms. Thomas** nominated **Ms. Wisniewski** as the Architecture Committee Chair. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to nominate **Ms. Wisniewski, Ms. Thomas, Mr. McCormack and Mr. Edelson** to be appointed by CA to the OM Architecture Committee. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to nominate Michael Vaughn, Elinda Dennis, Marcelo Amador, Susan Lynn and Lawrence McNamara to the 2016-2017 RAC. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** appointed the following individuals as the Chairs/Co-Chairs for the following committees:
Education: Mr. Edelson, John DiTomasso
Housing: Mr. McCormack
Safety: Ms. Gottsagen with Steven Gottsagen
NEAC: Ms. Engelke
Arts Advisory: Mr. Verchinski
Public and Open Space Advisory: Gerry Witte

CCR Report

- Milton Matthews has accepted the contract to be the Columbia Association President for three more years.
- The CA Board will have a meeting this Thursday, May 12, 2016.
- **Mr. Avery** will be serving as the representative on the CA Architecture Committee.

Managers' Report

- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed her report (ATTACHMENT “E”).
- **Ms. Cederbaum** requested the Board vote on the CA Management Contract. **Ms. Thomas** motioned to

accept the proposed CA Management Contract. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

- **Ms. Cederbaum** announced the Pop Up Food Pantry that will take place on June 15th.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** announced the meeting OMCA will have with the Oakland Mills HOA's on June 13th. Sean Harbaugh, CA Open Space, will be giving a presentation.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** mentioned the fire that took place on Basket Ring. She stated that Alex Hekimian, Holly Court Board Member, indicated that Holly Court HOA will match whatever the OMCA Board contributes. **Ms. Thomas** motioned to donate a \$100 gift card. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

New Business

- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to contribute \$750 to street beautification that would be \$75/street. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to contribute funds for block parties (\$400, \$25/each). **Mr. Avery** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Board Bulletin Board

- **Ms. Warren** reminded everyone to check out the OM School Happenings Newsletter that is sent out every two weeks. There are a lot of great things happening in Oakland Mills schools. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email **Ms. Warren** at events@oaklandmills.org.
- **Mr. Avery** stated that he is now serving on the Howard County Commission on Aging.
- **Mr. McCormack** welcomed **Ms. Engelke and Ms. Gottsagen** to the OMCA Board.
- **Ms. Thomas** stated she is excited about the upcoming Board year.
- **Ms. Gottsagen** stated she is excited to be the Safety Committee Chair.

The OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

Action Items from May 10, 2016 OMCA Board Meeting

FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

FOR STAFF:

Open Space Working Group (OSWG) Approach

- 1) Establish a CA Open Space Working Group consisting of representatives from each village. (In progress)
- 2) Formulate a specific recommendation regarding action for the Columbia Association to fund a nationally recognized landscape architectural firm to develop a comprehensive Columbia Wide Plan for Open Space. The OSWG will develop a sample Request for Proposal to highlight the intended scope. (In progress)
- 3) Identify organizations (CA Board of Directors, Columbia Flier, HCCA New Town Committee, Columbia 50 Committee, etc) to contact in order to promote this idea. (In progress)
- 4) Promote the idea with a primary goal of making a coordinated presentation to the CA Board during the resident speak-out sessions during the September CA FY 18 Pre-Budget Workshop

Background

The CA Open Space Management Division (OSMD) provides many good services to residents. The high importance of open space benefits to the people of Columbia is evident in the many surveys that CA has commissioned. Most recently, in the 2012 Columbia Marketing & Communications Survey, residents ranked Open Space as one of the top 3 funding priorities. Also, in the 2015 Membership Pricing and Revenue Enhancement report, of the various CA services listed, residents gave the highest value to the Open Space benefit of bike paths/trails. After conducting such surveys, it stands to reason that CA should respect the results and fulfill residents' funding priorities.

Perhaps because of limited resources allocated to Open Space maintenance, the beauty of Open Space seems to be declining. There is considerably more invasive vegetation, apparent less frequent mowing, less acreage being mowed, deteriorating tot lots, etc.

It's been 50 years since an open space management plan existed. It is time to take a fresh look at the current status and develop a comprehensive plan for the future. That plan should evaluate various land use designations, identify improvements needed for forested and mowed areas, recommend an Invasive Species Vegetation Plan, address ways to combat the increased deer population, address safety concerns of the path system (lighting, line of sight, etc), evaluate the role and modernization of tot lots, make recommendations for new plantings, etc.

This is not a trivial task.¹ It is beyond the scope of existing staff. It should be undertaken by a nationally recognized landscaping architectural planning firm that will work with the CA to develop a viable, long term Columbia-wide plan for probably its most valuable asset - Open Space.

¹ This Comprehensive Plan is a concept first described to me by Jervis Dorton who was a building architect at The Rouse Company for 30 years, a former OM VB Member and who is now on the OM PSAC.

Oakland Mills Open Space Activities - 5/18/16

- Camelback tot lot - OM12 - (needs to be refurbished - frequent recurrence of mushrooms)
- SF Pond - (Scum build-up)
- Push Cart Pond
- Patriot Lane Pond - (Beautification still lagging)
- Eroded trees along streams (Carol Baine) - (How to handle?)
- Woodblock Activities - (Status of collective review?)
- Bamboo - (several more areas to be identified by PSAC; (1) Pushcart near pond, (2) Kilimanjaro/Pursuit Ct)

Columbia Tennis Committee

Jim Alvey

Oakland Mills Tennis Committee Representative

Annual Report – FY16

The FY 16 Tennis Committee was composed of Leo Bruette (Chair), Bob Berlett (Vice-Chair), **Jim Alvey**, Jerry Boyer, Andrew Chen, Mike Glasgow, Brad Harris, Lisa Martinez, Dave Paulson, Erica Roach, Jon Smith, Larry Sorkin, Dave Thompson, Laura Violand, and Celest Womack

The Committee charges for FY 16 were:

- Consider and recommend ways CA can create more court availability to meet growing need.
- Monitor for consistent and effective CA court maintenance.
- Give back to the tennis community through monetary donations and volunteer efforts.
- Recommend ways to increase overall tennis participation levels.
- Recommend ways to ensure value and affordability.
- Recommend ways CA can increase the efficient use of available court space.
- Recommend ways to improve player comfort and safety.

Accomplishments for FY16:

- Opening of the newly refurbished clubhouse at Hobbit's Glen Tennis.
- Columbia Association Tennis nominated by USTA Mid-Atlantic for 2016 USTA Organization of the Year Award.
- Columbia Association Tennis received the 2016 USTA Mid-Atlantic Innovation Award for embracing change as a strategy to growing tennis.
- USTA league play continued to grow & thrive with 3,900+ participants - Five league teams progressed to the USTA national tournaments.
- Progressive Junior Development & Competition program participation up from 1,920 to 1,954.
- 5 new USTA Junior Tournaments with 170+ players and Junior Team Tennis with 100+ players.
- Cardio Tennis continued its fast growth with approximately 850 participants.
- Partnered with CA Fitness to offer members and guests the inaugural "Fitness Before Feasting" event on Thanksgiving day featuring Cardio Tennis, Zumba and Group Training on the tennis court attracting 20+ participants from the Fitness and Tennis community.
- Our Adult Instructional & Drill program participation grew from 1,243 to 1,286.
- Our annual CTC Tournament to benefit Maryland Special Olympics attracted approximately 150 participants.



Columbia Tennis Committee

Jim Alvey

Oakland Mills Tennis Committee Representative

Annual Report – FY16

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Partnerships for FY 16

- Continued our long term strategic partnership with the Washington Kastles, a World Team Tennis team. Organized a CA night at a Kastles home match.
- Continued our long term strategic partnership with USTA Mid-Atlantic to host large regional events at CA clubs including the Maryland State Junior Team Tennis championships.
- Continued our partnerships with Adidas, Wilson, & Head to offer our community best prices on racquets and apparel.
- Continued support of HSPSS high school tennis events.
- Continued support for Special Olympics.

Ongoing and Upcoming items for FY17:

- Keeping the new indoor facility on track for FY18 Opening.
- Continued support of Howard County Special Olympics.
- Continued support of senior racket sports programs, including league play and pickleball.
- Gather community feedback on tennis priorities.
- Continue to improve communications and marketing