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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

**June 14, 2016**

### **OMCA Regular BoD Meeting**

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

**Present:** Ginny Thomas, Co-Chair, Bill McCormack, Co-Chair, Jonathan Edelson, Kay Wisniewski, Paul Verchinski, Judy Gottsagen, Lynn Engelke, Reginald Avery, CA Rep., Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager

**Absent:** Brigitta Warren, Event & Administrative Coordinator

**Also Present:** Fred Gottemoeller and Cathy Spain, Bridge Columbia Committee; Susan Azoulay, OM Facility Coordinator and Bob Bellamy, OM Covenant Advisor for Violations. See resident list.

### **Opening of Meeting**

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned that the agenda for June 14, 2016 (ATTACHMENT "A") be approved. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the May 24, 2016 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT "B"). **Mr. Edelson** seconded and the motion passed (7-0-0).

**Resident Remarks:** **Mr. Tom Quick**, an Elkridge liquor store owner, was present to introduce himself and inform the board that he has a lease on the space outside Wegmans (second floor, outside store entrance) and intends to open a liquor store. This is pending a zoning ruling on the use of the space which may include a liquor store as a related use. Mr. Quick said he has no affiliation with Wegmans other than to lease the store.

### **New Business**

- **BRIDGE COLUMBIA:** **Fred Gottemoeller and Cathy Spain**, representing the Bridge Columbia Committee gave an update on BC activities and issues moving forward. Bridge Columbia Committee members have had two meetings with Clive Graham, HC DPZ, Deputy Director and staff about the bridge. The committee was informed that County Executive Kittleman continues to support the transit/pedestrian/bicycle bridge but informed his staff they needed to find funding outside of the County (Federal/State). Discussion took place regarding the transit portion of the bridge and looking at transit grants and the Bridge Committee and County staff are not going to look at the bridge becoming part of a larger transit corridor extending from Howard County General Hospital, HCC, Downtown, Oakland Mills, Long Reach to Gateway. Mapping the route will take into account the transit Right of Way. This corridor route is at the very early stages of discussion but the Bridge Committee will continue to be in conversation with the county with the hope of moving this forward expeditiously. The committee is also working with the county on the NEPA study. **Mr. Verchinski** brought up Federal funding which has been very limited in the Baltimore region and suggested that they not limit themselves to federal transit but also to look at federal highway grants. He also mentioned the flexibility with state funding.

**Ms. Thomas** asked the Mr. Gottemoeller, Ms. Spain and Mr. Bartolo to draft a letter to be sent to the County Executive regarding Bridge Columbia. This should be done now and included in the letter we will invite the County Executive to attend an Oakland Mills Board meeting after Labor Day to give a status report to the community. Included in the letter we will thank the County Executive for once again adding the Bridge Columbia project to the county's list to the state of priority transit projects and for FY17 funding in the County's Capital Budget.

Resident Beckerman stated the need to get the bridge build as soon as possible for the sake of the entire village center.

It was also suggested that the Board invite Senators Guzzone, Kasemeyer and local delegates to a September board meeting to discuss the bridge and state funds.

- **COLUMBIA'S 50<sup>th</sup>**: **Ms. Cederbaum** discussed the idea that the Columbia's 50<sup>th</sup> Committee had presented to the village managers which is that the villages each contribute \$1000 towards the restoration of village posters that would be on display during the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. The Board did not take action on this but rather would like more details as to where a permanent display would be located and if CA would cover the costs. **Ms. Cederbaum** will provide more information at a future meeting.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** also mentioned a tulip planting project Columbia wide for the 50<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS DAFFODILS and **Ms. Cederbaum** will provide more information on 6/28/16.

Mention was made about maintaining cul de sacs and how this has become a burden on some streets. Maintaining cul de sacs could possibly become eagle scout projects.

#### **Board Chairs Report, Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack**

- **Ms. Thomas and Mr. McCormack** discussed the June 6, 21016 meeting and issues that were raised that they are pursuing with the County Executive's Chief of Staff regarding the scope of the Feasibility Study. Discussion continued about the scope and process going forward and the Board's role and what expectations they have regarding the process and communication w/contractors.

#### **CCR Report, Reginald Avery**

- **Mr. Avery** discussed issues that were addressed at the last CA Board Work Session including Talbott Springs Pool, and the facility assessment studies of The Other Barn, The Barn and the Ice Rink. Mention was made of the attendance at the Talbott Springs Pool and how CA should market to the community that surrounds the pool. **Mr. Avery** informed the Board that bow deer hunting will take place on certain parcels of CA open space including areas near Blandair Park. Signs will be posted and information on dates/times will be passed along to the community. **Mr. Avery** mentioned a discussion of an easement of CA land to HRD and HRD land to CA.

#### **Manager's Report, Sandy Cederbaum (ATTACHMENT "C")**

- **Ms. Cederbaum** presented the Staff Goals to the Board

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Architecture Committee (ATTACHMENT "D")**  
**Mr. Bellamy** presented a report of Covenant Violations (ATTACHMENT "E") and the Covenant Advisors log of violations. The Board asked for a log of violations going back past January, 2016. **Ms. Cederbaum** presented **Ms. Wenholz's** Covenant Applications Report (ATTACHMENT "F").

### **Arts Advisory, Paul Verchinski**

- **Mr. Verchinski** hopes to meet with the OMHS Art teacher this summer.

### **Education, Jonathan Edelson**

- **Mr. Edelson** held the first Education Committee meeting tonight. Councilman Ball was in attendance as was representatives from Talbott Springs, Stevens Forest and Oakland Mills middle school. The committee discussed having a BOE candidate's forum in September and asking the other villages if they would like to co-sponsor.

### **NEAC, Lynn Engelke (Report Attached, ATTACHMENT "G")**

- **NEAC** will have first meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
**Ms. Engelke** went over items to be discussed at the upcoming meeting which are detailed in the attached report. Mention was made of two seminars to be held in conjunction with Columbia's 50<sup>th</sup>. One will be on Aging and Retrofitting homes and the other will be on creative, sustainable landscaping.

### **Safety and Security, Judy and Steve Gottsagen (Report Attached, ATTACHMENT "H")**

- **Ms. Gottsagen and Mr. Gottsagen** presented the attached report and are keeping track daily of criminal activity reported in Oakland Mills. They will follow up w/police on why certain reported incidents are not included in the HCPD crime report. The first meeting of the Safety and Security Committee will be held on June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion of Board Goals and Staff Goals will continue on June 28, 2016.

### **Board Bulletin Board**

The OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager

### **Action Items from June 14, 2016 OMCA Board Meeting**

#### **FOR BOARD MEMBERS:**

#### **FOR STAFF:**

**Sandy - Draft Letter to County Executive on Bridge Columbia after Labor Day**

**Bob – provide back dates of Covenant Violations Log**