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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup>. 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 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.