

## Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Committee 2016 Goals and Activities

### Report for 12 July 2016

Goal #1. Researches, recommends, and sponsors activities that will sustain and build on all aspects of the quality of life we enjoy in our Village.

- June 28: Held the 'Next Steps' meeting of NEAC members to revisit priorities and set new goals for the committee (minutes attached).

Goal #2. Engages residents in positive change and pride in our Village by sponsoring two workshops in the *Renew.Rehab.Replace* series launched in March 2016 on the topics then given highest priority for followup — (a) Universal Design Strategies for Aging in Place and (b) Sustainable Landscaping: Rethinking Columbia's Lawns and Gardens.

- Reserved space in The Other Barn for the two workshops: January 7, 2017 and April 8, 2017, 9:30am-1pm.
- Confirmed Bob Gorman, landscape architect formerly with Land Design Research, as the lead presenter for the April 8th workshop. Identified several potential presenters for the January 7th workshop.
- Met with Marlys East (CA 50th Birthday Director) and Barbara Kellner (CA Archives) to determine support for the proposed workshops. The April 8 workshop will be one of the first official events of the Birthday celebrations, which launch the week of March 20, 2017.
- Obtained a verbal agreement from Marlys East that the Birthday committee would contribute to covering the costs of the workshops. Received cost estimates for refreshments etc. from Sandy Cederbaum and forwarded them to the Birthday Committee. Contingent on the amount the Committee will contribute, other potential sponsors will be contacted.

Goal #3. Collaborate with the residents and management of Oakland Mills apartment complexes on ongoing programs and community partnerships.

- June 13: Met with the managers of Forest Ridge (managers of the other apartment complexes were also invited but did not attend). Discussion topics included:
  - Community needs and existing relevant community-building activities
  - Relationships between apartment complex management and outside organizations
  - Identified leaders within resident community
- Discussed possibilities for an Oakland Mills *posada* with interested members of the OM community. Established preliminary proposal to present to the Board, based on the successful initiatives spearheaded by the Leadership Education programs at Duke University.

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