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Oakland Mills Community Association Village Board

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Oakland Mills Community Association Vision and Goals

(Adopted 7/12/16)

Our Vision: The Village of Oakland Mills will be a diverse, attractive, and vibrant community in which to live, work, learn, and play by offering a wide range of housing options, a healthy village center, quality education, and recreational amenities.

Our Goals (Committee or Liaison with primary responsibility indicated):

Living/Housing –

Advocate for a comprehensive, balanced housing policy for all of Howard County to ensure equitable distribution of housing options for residents of all backgrounds throughout the county. (Housing)

Research, recommend, and sponsor activities that will sustain and build on all aspects of the quality of life we enjoy in our Village. (NEAC)

Encourage positive change and pride in our Village by providing residents with information for modifying and enhancing the interiors and exteriors of their homes. (NEAC)

Collaborate with the residents and management of Oakland Mills apartment complexes on ongoing programs and community partnerships. (Full Board)

Assist senior residents in learning ways to remain independent. (Senior Advisory)

Establish a safer environment for Oakland Mills Residents by increasing community involvement and awareness. (Safety)

Develop a positive relationship between the residents of Oakland Mills and our safety services, including police, fire, and emergency medical personnel. (Safety)

Be a Good Neighbor in a Good Neighborhood: Enhance the demand for and desirability of homes in Oakland Mills by improving the condition and appearance of our home. (Full Board)

Working/Business –

Work with Howard County elected officials and departments, Columbia Association, businesses, and developers to implement the Village Center Community Plan and redevelop the Oakland Mills Village

Center area into an economically-viable destination with sustainable amenities for future generations. (Full Board)

Beautify the current Village Center to make it more attractive to residents and visitors. (Arts)

Work collaboratively with the Oakland Mills staff to jointly further the goals of the community association. (Full Board)

Learning/Education –

Advocate for and assist our schools to ensure students attending schools in the Oakland Mills Cluster have top-quality educational opportunities in diverse, enriching settings. (Education)

Highlight positive events and accomplishments in our schools. (Education)

Engage with stakeholders at each school and discuss what advocacy they need from OMCA to ensure funding or special project assistance. (Education)

Advocate for policies to ensure school redistricting will not adversely impact schools or students from less advantaged backgrounds. (Education)

Hold at least two education events per school year with local Principals, Board of Education members, and/or the school Superintendent. (Education)

Playing/Recreation –

Ensure our open space is properly maintained as an amenity to all of our residents. (Public Space)

Advocate for a top quality replacement for the ice rink and additional recreational amenities pending the recommendations of the Village Center Feasibility Study. (Full Board)

Work with Howard County Officials to ensure Blandair Park serves our residents and visitors as a recreational destination while minimizing negative impacts to roads and neighboring lots. (Full Board)