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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

July 26, 2016

OMCA Regular BoD Meeting

Mr. McCormack called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:09 pm.

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

Absent: Jonathan Edelson, Vice Chair

Also Present: See resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned that the agenda for July 26, 2016 (ATTACHMENT "A") be approved. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to accept the July 12, 2016 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT "B"). **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Board Co-Chair Remarks

- **Mr. McCormack** stated that he and **Ms. Thomas** met with Kelly Cimino, acting Director of Howard County Housing and Community Development, and discussed the terms and conditions of the proposed RENEW Howard program. This program applies throughout the County to any house that is assessed at \$325,000 and under, over 30 years old, has had a decline in assessed value and is not in good repair. There is no income restriction on the prospective buyer. They must buy, own and occupy only this house. Howard County has proposed to put \$2 million into a loan guarantee fund. They will work on getting banks to put a total of \$20 million into the pool. The owner's house will be market rate. The house will be bought as is and then the purchaser must put at least \$5000 into the house, but does have the option of remodeling.
- **Ms. Engelke** asked if the buyer has to apply when purchasing the house. **Mr. McCormack** responded yes, at the time of purchase.
- **Ms. Engelke** asked if there was a minimum time the buyer has to live in the house. **Mr. McCormack** stated no.
- **Ms. Thomas** stated that this is a countywide program and the buyer's income is irrelevant. The OMCA Board would help to advertise this program. The County will be hiring a part-time person to market and find the potential homes. She stated the program is modeled after a program in Baltimore. Ms. Cimino suggested possibly having a community meeting to let residents know.

- **Ms. Cederbaum** asked if it was only single family homes or townhomes as well. **Mr. McCormack** stated that it is single family homes that are attached or detached and may include properties that are in foreclosure or in short sale.
- **Mr. Verchinski** asked if condos are excluded. **Mr. McCormack** responded he is not sure if condos qualify.
- A resident suggested reaching out to churches about the program.
- **Mr. McCormack** stated that Ms. Cimino indicated that the County will be targeting landlords that homes are not in good repair and look at customizing homes.
- **Mr. McCormack** asked what the timeline was. **Mr. McCormack** responded that the target date to offer this program is January 1, 2017.

CCR Report

- The CA Board will begin the discussion of 2018 financials.
- There will be no CA meetings in August; however any letters dealing with financial requests should be submitted by August 5, 2016. October 13th will be the first public hearing on the FY18 Budget of all stakeholders. January 6, 2017 a summary of proposed FY 18 Budget changes will be addressed at a public hearing. January 12, 2016 will be the first deliberation as the CA Board. February 3, 2017 the CA Board will vote of the FY18 budget including proposed amendments.
- Also being discussed this Thursday, 7/28, at the CA Board meeting will be whether or not to once again display the bells. There has been no decision made about whether or not to have the bells out for Columbia's 50th birthday celebration.

Managers' Report

- **Ms. Cederbaum** distributed her report and asked if anyone had any questions (ATTACHMENT "C").
- She stated that OMCA is currently having its audit.
- **Ms. Cederbaum and Mr. McCormack** met with structural engineers regarding The Other Barn silo. The engineer will be getting back to them.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** mentioned that the HC Board of Education Candidates Forum will take place on October 13th. The Conflict Resolution Center will mediate. She suggested to the OMCA Education Committee to invite the village managers to the Education committee meetings in case they want to help plan the Forum since they are co-sponsoring.
- A resident asked about Verizon and if all issues had been taken care of. **Ms. Cederbaum** responded yes.

Arts Advisory/CA Senior Advisory Committee

- **Mr. Verchinski** stated as the CA Senior Advisory Committee Liaison he would like to give an update.
- He stated that August 9th will be senior day at the Howard County Fair.
- The HC Senior Expo date has been changed to October 31, 2016.
- The next two weeks are Howard County Restaurant Weeks.
- Columbia Association is trying something new at Fairways Golf Course called foot golf; soccer balls on the golf course. This will be held on Monday evenings. Tee time is 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
- The Senior Advisory Committee has been trying to get a Korean American rep on the Board without success. Many of their members came to the HCCA forum a couple of months back. They are planning on doing the same thing at an event on September 10, 2016.

NEAC

- **Ms. Engelke** had her meeting tonight. Three people have volunteered to go through the OMCA Architectural Guidelines and make recommendations. Following the revision of the Architectural Guidelines, the committee proposed to host education sessions for residents regarding the guidelines.
- The NEAC made a point to state that they vehemently oppose a gas tank in a residential neighborhood.
- **Ms. Engelke** stated that the committee had several questions about the status of the feasibility study.

Safety and Security

- **Ms. Gottsagen** distributed her report (ATTACHMENT “D”).
- She announced the Bike with a Cop event that will take place on Thursday, August 4th beginning at 6:30pm and meeting in front of The Other Barn. The route will be about 45-60 minutes and any child ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult. A helmet must be worn.
- She and Mr. Gottsagen will be setting up a meeting with the HOA of Anturon to discuss any concerns that they might have. The meeting will be on August 16th prior to the Safety and Security meeting.
- The next Safety and Security meeting will take place on August 16th at 7pm.

Board Bulletin Board

- **Mr. McCormack** stated that in regards to the questions about the feasibility study, **Ms. Thomas and Mr. McCormack** asked for an update about the study every couple of weeks. In response, the consultants gave a progress report for July and it is up online. This is how updates will appear. **Mr. McCormack** listed the various groups to be contacted that could be listed as stakeholders. Eric Smart is in the process of finalizing the stakeholder list. Mr. Smart took the names that were listed in the 2015 VCCP and asked **Mr. McCormack** to provide some background on those individuals. After finalizing the groups, they will begin meeting with the focus groups. The next update will be in August and will be posted online. The next community meeting will most likely be scheduled in September. **Ms. Engelke** was concerned with the proposed community meetings or lack thereof. **Ms. Thomas** stated that the consultants are supposed to be meeting with 10 groups. **Ms. Engelke** asked how the consultants are going about selecting the criteria for the stakeholder selection. **Mr. McCormack** stated that the County put in \$50,000 and CA put in \$25,000 and OMCA put in about \$8,200 for the legal work that was done on the zoning and planning and development for all the areas in Oakland Mills and forwarded this information to the County and all three should be given regular updates. He reiterated to the contractor that OMCA wants to be involved as much as possible. The consultant responded that they will keep OMCA updated. **Ms. Engelke** asked if they were meeting with individuals. **Mr. McCormack** indicated that the consultants stated that the June meeting was meant for community residents to share any testimony. **Ms. Thomas** asked what the end product was and stated that this is being clarified to consultants. **Mr. Verchinski** asked if there was any documentation from the meetings with the focus groups. He also asked if there were any interim products. **Mr. McCormack** stated that these are all points well taken and he will follow up.
- **Ms. Thomas** stated that she attended on July 20th the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to testify as to the need for a 50 meter pool, two sheets of ice, and an indoor track in Oakland Mills as part of the possible plans for our VCCP implementation. Sylvia Ramsey, a Board member, seemed to identify with Oakland Mills because of what she is experiencing in Long Reach. The purpose was to try and get these needs included in the Parks and Rec. 5 year Master Plan.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** handed out Volunteer Passes to the HoCo Fair for 8/8 and 8/9
- **Ms. Warren** announced Summer Bingo on Friday, 7/29, at 6:30pm at The Other Barn and the Oakland Mills Pool Party that will take place on Monday, August 8th beginning at 6:30pm.

Architecture Committee Update

- **Ms. Wisniewski** called the Architecture Committee meeting to order at 8:25pm.
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to send the 15 day notice to CA and if no response from the owner a resolution to CA regarding 9418 Farewell Road. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to send the 15 day notice to CA and if no response from the owner a resolution to CA regarding 9409 Farewell Road. **Ms. Gottsagen** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to send a resolution to CA regarding 9349 Kilimanjaro Road. **Ms. Gottsagen** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to pass a resolution to close regarding 6160 Agail Place. **Ms. Thomas** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to pass a resolution to close regarding 9434 Kilimanjaro Road. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to adjourn the Architecture Committee Meeting. **Mr. McCormack** seconded and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- The Architecture Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

The OMCA Board meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brigitta Warren, Event and Administrative Coordinator

Action Items from July 26, 2016 OMCA Board Meeting

FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. McCormack: Find out if Condos/Quads will be included in the properties for the RENEW Howard program

FOR STAFF: