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Oakland Mills Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Committee

Report for September 2016

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COMMITTEE MEETING: 27 September 2016

ATTENDEES: Jervis Dorton, Lynn Engelke, Pat Gilreath, Judy Gottsagen, and Virginia Thomas

ARCHITECTURE GUIDELINES SUBCOMMITTEE

- The NEAC Architectural Guidelines subcommittee co-chair (Judy) reported on the status of the subcommittee's preliminary review of the OM Architectural Guidelines, comparisons with the guidelines of the other nine Villages, and suggested revisions.
- NEAC members reviewed and amended the draft timeline for completion of the guidelines revision. The draft timeline was created on August 31, 2016 by subcommittee co-chairs (Judy and Claudia Hollywood), Board members (Kay Wisniewski, Ginny Thomas and Lynn Engelke) and OMCA staff (Sandy Cederbaum, Bob Bellamy and Carrie Wenzholz) to coordinate the roles, responsibilities, and joint input of the three groups involved in the review/revision process (the NEAC subcommittee, RAC and OMCA staff). NEAC's amendments to the draft timeline will be circulated to the all involved groups for approval. The revisions to the architectural guidelines will be finalized in early 2017 after a public hearing, Board vote, and consultation with CA attorneys.
- "Best practices" (including suggested styles of fences, shutters, etc.) will be developed and introduced as an additional resource, either as an appended document or as a link, following finalization of the revised guidelines.

PROPERTY EVALUATION SURVEY

- NEAC is reviewing information received from Harper's Choice, documenting their process and outcomes with conducting a recent survey. After further research, NEAC will revise and reintroduce its recommendations for a Property Evaluation Survey, that was tabled by the Board last spring.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR AGING IN PLACE WORKSHOP

- Experts on the topic have been invited to present at the January 7 workshop, including:
 - Kelly Cimino – Director of Department of Housing and Community Development; Settlement/Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) and Renew Howard
 - Karen Pitsley AIA – Transforming Architecture; specialist in Universal Design and Aging in Place
 - Mary Becker – Howard County Office of Aging; Manager of the Aging in Place Program
 - Calvin Ball – County Council Member representing Oakland Mills

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 25, 2016; 6-7PM: NEAC meeting, The Other Barn
- January 7, 2017: *RENEW. REHAB. REPLACE. Universal Design Strategies for Aging in Place*
- April 8, 2017: *RENEW. REHAB. REPLACE. Sustainable Landscaping: Rethinking Columbia's Lawns and Gardens*