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# Oakland Mills Community Association

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

**Board Members:** Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~ Kay Wisniewski, Vice-chair  
Lynn-Steven Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair  
Chris Esoldo ~ Judy Gottsagen ~ Bill McCormack Jr. ~ Paul Verchinski  
Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, Columbia Council Representative

**October 10, 2017**

### **OMCA Regular Board Meeting**

**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Kay Wisniewski, Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, AC Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Rep; Chris Esoldo; Judy Gottsagen; Bill McCormack Jr.; Paul Verchinski; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

**Also Present:** John McCoy and Danielle Bodner, Columbia Association Watershed Management; Chiara D'Amore, Community Ecology Institute

### **Opening of Meeting**

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the September 26, 2017 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT "A"). **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to amend the October 10, 2017 agenda (ATTACHMENT "B") and hold a closed session at the end of the regular OMCA Board meeting to discuss a legal matter. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-1). **Ms. Engelke** then motioned to amend the October 10, 2017 agenda to conduct a vote on a new member of the Resident Architecture Committee. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded. **Mr. Edelson** asked to add to the motion an exception to the Board Standards to both discuss and a vote on the new RAC member during New Business at the same Board meeting. The motion passed (6-0-1).

### **New Business**

#### ***Columbia Association and Community Ecology Institute Community Forest Project***

- John McCoy, Manager of CA Watershed Management, explained that Columbia faces some issues regarding tree thinning and forest overgrowth due to invasive plants and tree loss. He said CA has tried to plant new trees, but deer activity has limited growth of these new trees. CA is now beginning to work on a replanting program to replace dying ash trees. Currently, they are looking for forest fragments in which to test replanting.
- Chiara D'Amore, president of the Community Ecology Institute, presented the Community Forest Project (ATTACHMENT "C"). CA plans to use the Institute's plan to replant an overgrown forest fragment along the CA inter lake connector path behind Woodblock Row. Interfaith community organizations are invited to aid in the maintenance and study of the replanted forest.
- **Ms. Engelke** asked how CA Watershed Management identified this spot for replanting. Mr. McCoy said he is familiar with the area and spoke with several area residents about the spot.
- **Mr. Edelson** pointed out that the location of the forest fragment is in the center of an overgrown area that many people may not see.

- **Mr. McCormack** suggested an alternate location off of Farewell Road behind Landbreeze and Woodblock. He said the area CA Watershed would like to replant might be put to better use for recreational purposes and that the area suggested is one of the few flat ground areas that could be mowed and used for recreation. He mentioned a plan that was discussed with former CA Open Space staff member Fred Pryor and with Daniel D'Amore to use this space as a mowed recreation area. He reiterated his request that CA hire a consultant and come up with a 50-year Open Space plan before making decisions regarding this issue.
- **Ms. Engelke** stated that she and other nearby residents liked the forested area that has been in this location and did not support that the area be mowed for recreational purposes.
- **Mr. Edelson** asked Mr. McCoy to clarify what CA Watershed wants the OMCA Board to do about this issue. Mr. McCoy and Ms. D'Amore asked if OMCA would like to partner with CA Watershed and the Community Ecology Institute to invite the community to participate in the project.
- **Mr. Edelson** said there are two different issues for the Board to discuss: the Community Forest Project and social events associated with the project
- **Mr. Edelson** asked what CA's timeline is for the project. Mr. McCoy answered that spring 2018 is when CA plans to begin the project.
- **Mr. Edelson** asked that the Board consider this issue and discuss it during Old Business at the October 24, 2017 Board meeting.

#### *Discussion and Vote on New RAC Member*

**Ms. Engelke** asked for the Board to vote to approve Barron Holmes as a new member of the RAC. A discussion ensued. **Ms. Gottsagen** motioned to appoint Barron Holmes to the RAC. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

#### **Old Business**

#### *Remote Attendance by Board Members at Board Meetings*

- **Mr. Edelson** referred to the printed draft of the Telephone Policy for Board Members Unable to Attend Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meetings (ATTACHMENT "D"). **Mr. Esoldo** expressed concern that point 7 would make it difficult for Board members who are frequently out-of-town for work. He asked that there be an exception for Board members who must travel outside of the area or have a family emergency that prevents them from attending. A discussion ensued.
- **Mr. Verchinski** motioned to approve the Telephone Call Policy with the discussed changes. **Mr. Edelson** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

#### **Board Chair Report**

- **Mr. Edelson** reported that he has signed up to testify at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Education public hearing on redistricting.

#### **CCR Report**

- **Ms. Thomas** and **Mr. Edelson** reported on the CA Assessment Share. **Mr. Edelson** said he gave testimony at the last CA Board meeting regarding the issue, and **Ms. Thomas** was also in attendance.
- **Ms. Thomas** said CA is changing the name of the share from "Assessment" to "Allocation."
- **Ms. Thomas** discussed the cumulative village cash reserve amount and funding that is needed to upgrade sports and fitness facilities to make them competitive. She asked Ms. Cederbaum to provide a five-year history of Oakland Mills cash reserve balances. **Mr. Edelson** suggested CA reimburse OM Village for the cumulative cost of maintenance and repairs that fall under the \$1000 threshold but cumulatively total well over \$1000 for maintenance and repairs on the same piece(s) of equipment.

## **Manager's Report**

- **Ms. Cederbaum** referred to her printed manager's report (ATTACHMENT "E"). She thanked the Board members for attending and helping with the Fall Festival.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** said Bridge Columbia is waiting for Howard County's decision regarding the transit way between the Howard County Hospital and Gateway before deciding how they will proceed as a committee. The County should have a report by mid-November. Because of this, discussion on naming the pedestrian bridge "Bridge Columbia" will wait.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** asked the Board to share ideas of non-profit organizations that Oakland Mills could donate to in honor of OM volunteers. **Ms. Wisniewski** suggested the Oakland Mills High School girls' soccer team. **Mr. McCormack** suggested that recipients should come from within the Oakland Mills community. **Mr. Edelson** said he would like to wait and see what regular donation requests are made by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Senior Advisory Committee*

**Mr. Verchinski** referred to his printed report (ATTACHMENT "F") and added that flu vaccines would be offered at the 50+ Expo.

### *BWI Roundtable*

**Mr. Verchinski** referred to his printed report (ATTACHMENT "G").

### *Safety and Security*

**Ms. Gottsagen** referred to her printed Safety and Security report (ATTACHMENT "H").

## **Board Bulletin Board**

- **Mr. Edelson** thanked **Ms. Cederbaum**, Brigitta Warren, and the OM staff for a wonderful Fall Festival.
- **Ms. Wisniewski** said the light pole behind Oakland Mills Middle School has finally been replaced. She will be meeting with **Mr. McCormack** to turn over her cable box data.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** said she reported the condition of the Robert Oliver Place bus depot to Mr. Graham, Howard County Office of Transportation. He responded that the County will look into this.

The regular OMCA Board open meeting was closed at 8:51 p.m.

**Ms. Gottsagen** motioned to go into a closed session of the Board for consultation on a legal issue. **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded.

**Mr. Verchinski** motioned to end the closed session. **Mr. Edelson** seconded and **ended the closed session of the Board at 8:57 p.m.**

**Mr. Edelson** went into open session again and adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Board:**

**Oct. 24 meeting: Old Business Discussion on forest grove as presented by CA on 10/10.**

Send Ms. Cederbaum suggestions for “Volunteer Donation” recipient(s).

Staff:

Ms. Cederbaum to provide Ms. Thomas with 5 years OM Cash Reserve history.

Ms. Cederbaum to revise Remote Attendance Policy and send to Board.



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**September 26, 2017**

### OMCA Regular Board Meeting

**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Kay Wisniewski, Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, AC Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Rep; Judy Gottsagen ; Bill McCormack Jr. (arrived at 7:20); Paul Verchinski; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

**Also Present:** Andrew Stack, Chair of the Columbia Association Board and Dick Boulton, Vice-chair of the CA Board.

### Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Wisniewski** motioned to accept the September 12, 2017 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT "A"). **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to accept the September 26, 2017 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT "B"). **Ms. Wisniewski** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

### New Business

#### *Columbia Association Board of Directors Presentation*

- Andrew Stack, Chair of the Columbia Association Board, presented the CA Board FY 2017 Annual Report (ATTACHMENT "C") and FY-2017 Financial Summary Report (ATTACHMENT "D").
- Mr. Stack presented the CA Board's tasks for FY 2018 (ATTACHMENT "E") and the FY 2017 Capital Amount and Assessment Share (ATTACHMENT "F"). The Board discussed handling of commercial/industrial architectural guidelines. Howard County will soon present its zoning recommendations. CA is concerned that New Town zoning may be transferred to the County. He discussed ice rink renovations.
- Mr. Stack also shared the Annual Charge Snapshot for FY 2017 (ATTACHMENT "G"). He gave a breakdown of new CA membership plan purchases for the first quarter.

#### *Vote to Select New OM Board Member*

The Board selected Chris Esoldo, a resident of the Thunder Hill neighborhood, as the new OM Board Member. Mr. Esoldo will be officially seated on October 10, 2017.

#### *Oakland Mills Covenant Advisors Quarterly Report*

- **Ms. Engelke** reported on CA's September 25<sup>th</sup> Covenant Legal Training class. She praised OM attendees' understanding of the Covenant process.
- Deb Buie, OM Covenant Advisor for Violations, presented her activity report on violations and

complaints (ATTACHMENT “F”). A discussion ensued about properties listed and progress made on violations.

- Carrie Wenholz, OM Covenant Advisor for Applications, presented her 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter RAC Summary (ATTACHMENT “G”). A discussion ensued about tree removal and replacement.

## **Old Business**

### ***Assessment Share Update***

**Ms. Cederbaum** and **Mr. Edelson** shared the CA Assessment Committee’s response to OMCA’s recommendations on the Assessment Share Formula (ATTACHMENT “H”). The Board discussed the net loss per year Oakland Mills will face and repair costs for The Other Barn. Any repair bills under \$1000 are Oakland Mill’s responsibility. CA will only pay for repairs above \$1000 and can choose which capital improvements it will make. The proposed assessment decrease of \$56,841 would have a negative financial impact on OMCA.

### **CCR Report**

- **Ms. Thomas** requested the Board’s opinion on New Town zoning, including the pros and cons of the New Town zoning.
- **Ms. Thomas** shared the Columbia Housing Center Request for Support (ATTACHMENT “I”) and asked for feedback from the OM Board. Many Board members expressed concern at the wording of the request. **Mr. Verchinski** said that claims made in the request needed to be backed up by statistics. **Mr. Edelson** expressed concern that CA would be funding the center and questioned whether the funds would be better utilized elsewhere. Most of the Board was against CA taking a role in the center. Ms. Engelke said they did not have enough facts to take a position.

### **Board Chair Report**

**Mr. Edelson** asked if the Board wished to extend the meeting. There was no motion to extend. **Mr. Edelson** indicated that issues from his board report were already discussed at the meeting.

### **Manager’s Report**

**Mr. Edelson** referred to **Ms. Cederbaum’s** printed manager’s report (ATTACHMENT “J”).

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Safety and Security***

**Mr. Edelson** referred to **Ms. Gottsagen’s** printed Safety and Security report (ATTACHMENT “K”).

#### ***Architecture Committee Chair Report***

**Mr. Edelson** referred to **Ms. Engelke’s** printed Architecture Chair Report (ATTACHMENT “L”).

### **Board Bulletin Board**

- **Mr. Verchinski** said there would be an Elder Empowerment Summit on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mr. Edelson** said that HCPSS did not put out any translated materials regarding redistricting. The SFES PTA has addressed this issue by organizing a meeting for Hispanic families on Sept. 30. Permission was given by OM apartment owners to put up fliers advertising the meeting.
- **Ms. Cederbaum** said HCPSS has been repairing hill erosion on the OMHS hill along Thunder Hill Rd.
- The OM Fall Festival is on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11-4. Volunteers are welcome to help with the festival.

**Mr. Edelson** adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**Columbia Council Representative:** Virginia (Ginny) Thomas

**Oakland Mills Board of Directors  
Meeting Agenda  
October 10, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of meeting**  
Approve Minutes from September 26, 2017 Board Meeting  
Approve Agenda for October 10, 2017 Board Meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Resident Remarks**
- 7:10 p.m. New Business**
- John McCoy and Danielle Bodner, Columbia Association Watershed Management**  
Discussion of a collaboration between CA and the Community Ecology Institute for an interfaith forest grove to restore an overgrown forest fragment in Oakland Mills.
- 7:30 p.m. Old Business**
- Remote Attendance at Board Meetings by Board Members,**  
draft policy, Board discussion (15 min.)
- 7:45 p.m. Board Chair Report,** Jonathan Edelson (10 min.)
- 7:55 p.m. Columbia Council Rep. Report,** Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min.)
- 8:05 p.m. Manager's Report,** Sandy Cederbaum (10 min.)  
Bridge Columbia Report – Discuss requesting name “Bridge Columbia” as the name of the pedestrian crossing over Route 29.
- Suggestions for Board donation in honor of OM Volunteers
- 8:15 p.m. Committee Reports (10 min.)**  
BWI Round Table, Paul Verchinski  
CA Senior Advisory Committee, Paul Verchinski  
Safety & Security Committee, Judy Gottsagen
- 8:25 p.m. Board Bulletin Board (5 min.)**
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**

**Upcoming Events – for event details go to <http://oaklandmills.org>**

All events are held at The Other Barn unless otherwise noted

**Oct. 7, 11:00-4:00 p.m.** – Oakland Mills Fall Festival

**Oct. 10, 6 – 7 p.m.** – OMCA Education Committee, Meet OM School Administrators

**Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m.** – OMCA Board Meeting

**Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m.** – Fire Safety Presentation, HC Fire and Rescue

**Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m.** – OMCA Board Meeting

**Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon** – Renew, Rehab, Restore: Conserving Columbia’s Tree Canopy

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Community Ecology Institute

**COMMUNITY FOREST PROJECT**

# PROJECT PURPOSE

Most Columbia residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain or stream that eventually leads to the Patuxent or Patapsco rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. It is important that residents learn how their behavior affects the health of our local waterways and become inspired to care for our natural resources. To achieve this broad goal, the Community Forest Project seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

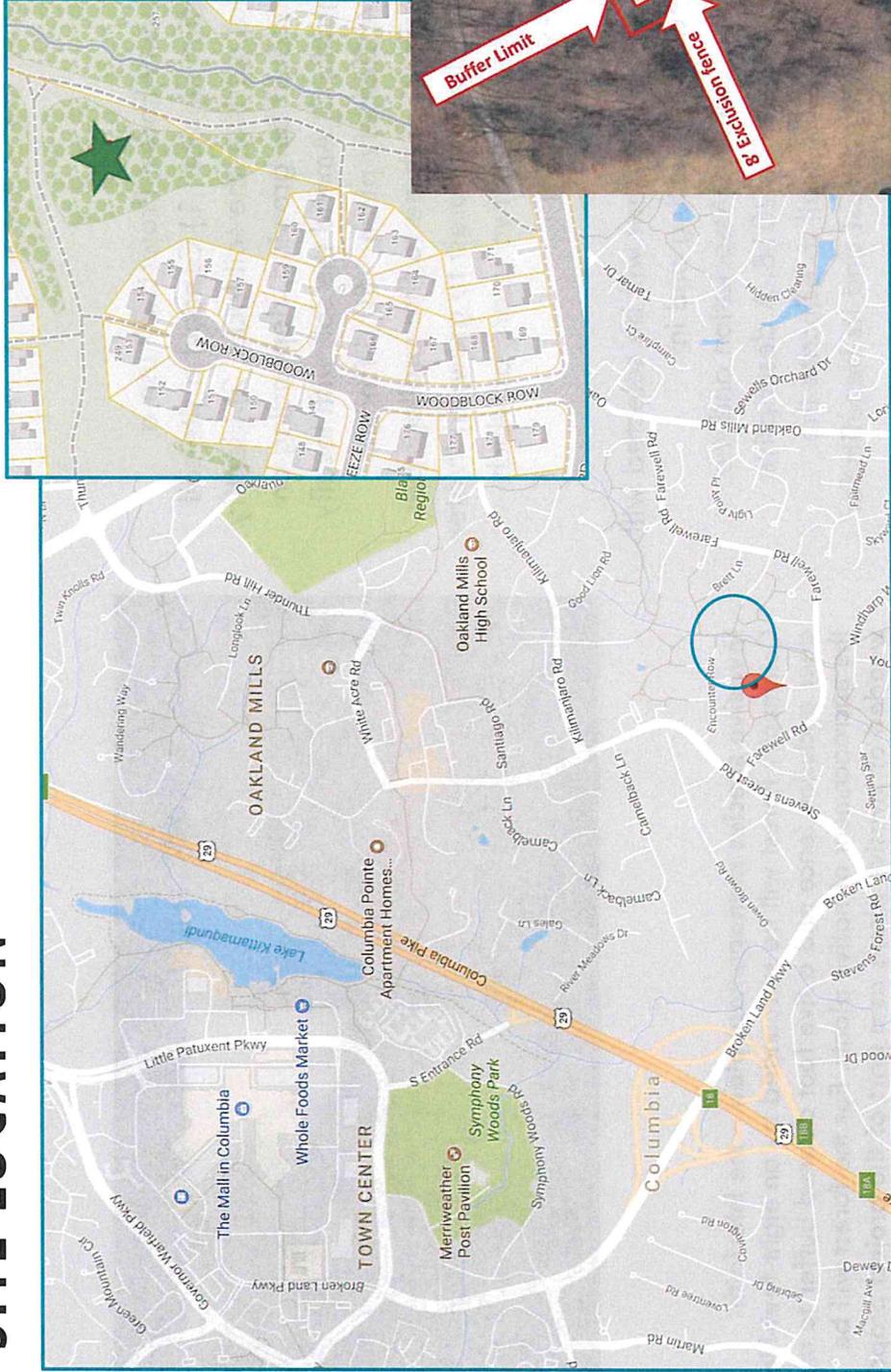
**Take lasting action to both protect local watersheds and improve the health of Columbia open space.** The forest project will benefit water quality, support local biodiversity, absorb carbon, and involve participants from diverse local communities in building skills to undertake additional future projects to improve watersheds and the health of Columbia's open space.

**Engage diverse Columbia residents in the practice of civic ecology.** Civic ecology practices are local environmental stewardship actions taken to enhance green infrastructure, ecosystem services, and community well-being of urban and other human-dominated systems. Such projects build knowledge, shape attitudes, and encourage more positive environmental behaviors among people of many backgrounds.



View of site – currently a mix of early succession black locust, autumn olive, and invasive vines.

# SITE LOCATION



# PROJECT DESIGN

The Interfaith Community Forest Project will use a innovative afforestation method: 1) Conduct a site soil study to identify what nutrition the soil lacks; 2) Identify what native species should be growing, depending on climate and forest goals; 3) Amend the soil with locally abundant biomass; 4) Densely plant ~50 different species of native saplings — three to five saplings per three square foot; 5) Allow the forest to grow; 6) Water and weed the forest for the first two years, at which point it becomes self-sustaining.

The specific native tree species that will be selected will be determined based on soil testing and in collaboration with the Columbia Association and the community partners in spring of 2018. A descriptive sign will be placed by the CA trail to educate the community on the new native forest and its benefits for the Little Patuxent watershed.



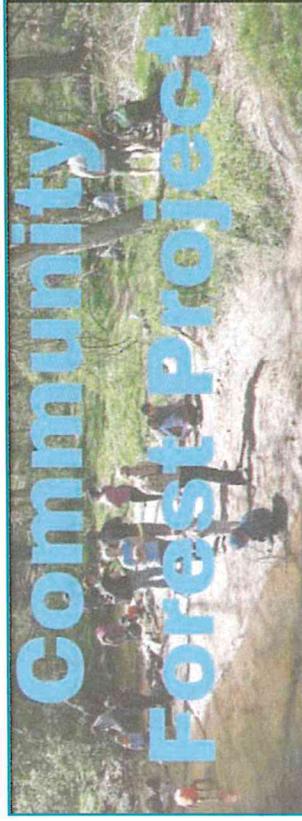
**Invasive species management plan** – the Interfaith Community Forest will be surrounded by an eight-foot-high deer exclusion fence and a five foot cleared buffer to minimize the encroachment of native plants. For the forest will be weeded of invasive plants as a part of the project proposal through 2019 and ongoing as needed.

# MAINTENANCE PLAN

- The project will run for two years (2018-2019)
  - Year one – prepare the site and plant the grove of native trees
  - Year two – water and weed the grove of trees
- After the formal project period is complete, the forest grove will be largely self sufficient. However, the Community Ecology Institute will incorporate periodic maintenance, estimated to be twice a year – in the spring and fall, of the Interfaith Forest into their ongoing series of events.
  - During these maintenance events the forest will be watered and weeded and ecological evaluation measures (tree height, animal species present, soil testing, etc.) will be conducted.
  - If needed, the Interfaith Forest will be watered in the summer of 2020 as well by CEI staff in coordination with the Columbia Association.
- The interfaith communities that participate in the project will be invited to engage in ongoing maintenance and study of the new, native forest.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
- Columbia Jewish Congregation
- Maryum Islamic Center
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia
- Columbia Families in Nature
- Village of Oakland Mills?



Most of us live within a half mile of a stream or storm drain connecting to the Chesapeake Bay.

To care for our watershed, community partners are working together to create a new native forest grove in Columbia.

• Free Family Events  
• Once a Season 2018 - 2019

These free events will bring together a consistent group of diverse families to learn about the environmental benefits of forests, build a civic ecology community, and learn through direct experience about how to be active stewards of the Patuxent and Patapsco river watersheds in Howard County. This project will increase the depth of participant knowledge on the issues of watershed health and climate change, build understanding of shared ethical values of trees and earth stewardship, and expand capacity to engage in meaningful ecological conservation and restoration work in the community and at their homes through the creation, maintenance, and evaluation of a new native forest grove.

Learn more at [www.columbifamiliesinnature.org](http://www.columbifamiliesinnature.org)

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**DRAFT: October 6, 2107**

Oakland Mills Board of Directors

Telephone Call Policy for Board Members Unable To Attend Oakland Mills

Board of Directors Meetings

Drafted by Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager

The following policy applies to board members who are unable to attend an Oakland Mills Board of Directors meeting and want to attend remotely by telephone. Members who plan to attend remotely must inform the Village Manager at least one day in advance of the meeting.

- 1) Participation by board member attending remotely constitutes presence in person at the meeting.
- 2) Board members attending remotely may not participate in a Closed Session/Meeting of the Board.
- 3) The meeting agenda will not be changed during a meeting solely to accommodate the board member attending remotely.
- 4) To eliminate disruption during the meeting, board members attending remotely are encouraged to phone in at the beginning of the board meeting.
- 5) It is preferred that the board member remain on the phone for the duration of the meeting. Board members attending remotely can leave a meeting in progress (disconnect the call) but they will not be allowed to rejoin the meeting.\*

\*The only exception is if the call is disconnected due to technical difficulties. In such cases, the board member can call back and rejoin the meeting.

- 6) To be eligible to vote when a discussion involves a board vote, the board member attending remotely must remain on the phone for the entire discussion and deliberation that precedes the vote and during the vote.
- 7) A board member cannot remotely attend more than two consecutive meetings and no more than a total of three meetings remotely in the board year (May – April).
- 8) Board members present at a meeting will not stop or delay the meeting if there are technical difficulties with the remote phone call. OMCA staff will attempt to resolve the technical issues; however, some issues may be outside of our control or ability to resolve.

See page 2 for Maryland Code.

**Maryland Code:**

**§ 2-409. Meetings of directors.**

- (a) Place of meeting; remote communication.- Unless the bylaws of the corporation provide otherwise, a regular or special meeting of the board of directors may be held at any place in or out of the State or by means of remote communication.
- (b) Notice of meeting.-
  - (1) Notice of each meeting of the board of directors shall be given as provided in the bylaws.
  - (2) Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, the notice:
    - (i) Shall be in writing or delivered by electronic transmission; and
    - (ii) Need not state the business to be transacted at or the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the board of directors.
- (c) Waiver of notice.- Whenever this article or the charter or bylaws of a corporation require notice of the time, place, or purpose of a meeting of the board of directors or a committee of the board, a person who is entitled to the notice waives notice if the person:
  - (1) Before or after the meeting delivers a written waiver or a waiver by electronic transmission which is filed with the records of the meeting; or
  - (2) Is present at the meeting.
- (d) Telephone meetings.-
  - (1) Unless restricted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation, members of the board of directors or a committee of the board may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time.
  - (2) Participation in a meeting by these means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

[An. Code 1957, art. 23, §§ 46, 56; 1975, ch. 311, § 2; ch. 520; 2003, ch. 387.]

## Manager's Report

**Submitted by Sandy Cederbaum on October 5, 2017 for the October 10, 2017 Oakland Mills Board Meeting**

### **County Issues:**

**HCPSS:** OMHS hill erosion has been repaired. Thank you note sent to the County.

**HCPD:** Met with Officers Lopez and Zamillo and 4 apartment managers and Cedar Property Manager to discuss common security issues. I followed with the County's private uniform security detail to see if as a group apartments and Cedar could hire them as private security. Unfortunately there are not enough off duty police officers at this point to fulfil this request but they will contact me if that changes.

**Bridge Closure** – Bridge will remain open for about a month while the county awaits replacement parts.

Bridge Columbia: Committee met and I will forward notes from their meeting once I receive them.

### **CA Issues**

Elevator replaced. Works like a charm.

**Assessment Share Formula** – Jonathan Edelson testified and I attended the CA Board work session on the proposed assessment share formula on 9/28/17. CA will vote on this on 10/26/17.

Daily Issues that Manager is working on:

### **Bookkeeping, payroll, daily facility and HR issues.**

Payroll, 401K audit and processing, employee HR issues, meeting agendas, and staff meetings along with facility related issues.

**CA Senior Advisory Committee Report (Oct. 10, 2017)**

The last meeting of the CA SAC was held in July. The approved Minutes are attached.

On October 20 at Wilde Lake HS, HoCo will hold its annual 50+ Expo. Cost to enter is \$1. No parking at Wilde Lake. There will be shuttle service from the Mall. Hours are 9-4.

The Village in Howard is again using the Stevens Forest neighborhood Center after a summer interlude.

Expo fliers have been included in the Columbia Flier and the Beacon.

The Aging in Place Property Tax Credit closed on Sept 1. If you applied, do not forget that you can also get a decreased CA assessment but you will need to provide the reduced County property tax statement to CA. If you already paid your CA assessment, they will send you a refund check.

## **BWI Roundtable Report**

A lot has happened over the past month. The FAA continues to tell the RT that they are addressing our concerns thru potential operational and procedural changes. A presentation on all of this is to be made by the FAA at the RT November meeting. We are cautiously optimistic that the FAA will provide their solutions to fulfill our request. Meanwhile, Governor Hogan (Letter attached) and the County Executives of Howard and Anne Arundel (letter attached) Counties have requested the MD AG Frosh to initiate litigation on the noise generated by NextGen. The October Business Monthly has a front page article entitled: "Airplane Noise; Local Residents still listening for Solutions".

On Sept 8, the RT sent to the FAA a comprehensive 28 page letter on what would be acceptable to the RT. That Letter is attached and shows flight paths that would be acceptable as implementing flight path reversions before NextGen.

Richard Wissing from Oakland Mills voiced his concerns at the Sept RT meet. He detailed costs (\$32,000 +) on what it would take if houses were soundproofed. On Sept 21, I penned a Letter to the Editor regarding Airplane Noise that was published in the Columbia Flier. There was a follow up Editorial by the Columbia Flier on October 5 "Enough Already. Sue the FAA" and a Cartoon "Who's Wearing the most earplugs these days?"

Our next RT meeting will be held on October 17 at 7 PM at the MD Aviation Admin offices. These are open, public meetings with time provided for citizen complaints regarding airplane noise in their neighborhoods. Approved Minutes, Agendas, FAA/MAA Presentations may be found at :

[www.maacommunityrelations.com](http://www.maacommunityrelations.com)

The RT portion of this web site continues to be a work in progress.

Safety and Security Committee  
October 10, 2017

There has been a reduction in active crime in the Oakland Mills area. We have no incidents to report for the last two weeks. We spoke with Sergeant Zammillo who reviewed the past months' crime log and found only one vehicle theft and one theft from vehicles in our area.

At the Oakland Mills Fall Festival we arranged for:

- Officer Roberto Lopez, Oakland Mills Outreach Officer, to answer questions, and to hand out police stickers and mini helmets to the children
- McGruff, the crime fighting dog to meet the children, and adults
- The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue to supply a fire engine and an ambulance

We attended the Fire Expo at the Mall where:

- we toured the Howard County Fire and Rescue mobile command center
- we observed how quickly fire can destroy a room in a house
- we observed a specially trained dog locate an accelerant hidden in a room
- we missed an demonstration of jaws of life but observed the results of its use

Neighborhood Meetings

The Oakland Mills neighborhood meetings are being planned with Officer Lopez facilitating ways to improve the safety and security of our properties.

Remembering When

On October 17 at 7 PM in the Other Barn, a Fire and Fall Frevention program will be presented by Rachel Burlas, the Risk Reduction Educator from the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services.