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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 ~ Lynn-Steven Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair
Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Rebecca Bryant ~ Larry Pretlow II ~ Paul Verchinski
Bageshwar Verma ~ Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, Columbia Council Representative

December 10, 2019

OMCA Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack Jr., Board Vice-chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant (arrived 7:08 p.m.); Paul Verchinski; Bageshwar Verma; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Lynn Engelke, Larry Pretlow

Quorum present: Yes

Also present: Najee Baily, District 2 Aide to Councilman Opel Jones

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** asked that the Board wait to finalize the November 26th, 2019 minutes so Ms. Carpenter could review her comments and add them to the minutes. The Board agreed to table finalizing the November 26th minutes until the January 14th, 2020 Board meeting.
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to amend the December 10, 2019 agenda (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Verma** seconded, and the amended agenda was approved (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Najee Bailey, District Aide to Howard County Councilmember Opel Jones, announced Councilman Jones' State of the District address, which would be given December 11th at Talbott Springs Elementary School.

Old Business

Donation Requests

Mr. Edelson reviewed the donation packet with the Board. He took a straw vote on donations that contained a set donation amount request. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to make donations to the total of \$3395 to the following organizations: OMMS PTSA (\$500), OMHS FAB to support music in feeder schools (\$250), SFES PTA (\$500), TSES PTA (\$500), Blessings in a Backpack for TSES (\$650), FISH of Howard County (\$500), and The Village in Howard (\$495). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

The Board discussed non-specific donation amount requests. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to donate \$2000 to OMHS FAB (for any and all purposes it would like to use the donation for) and \$500 to the OMHS PTSA for After Prom. **Mr. McCormack** seconded (5-0-0). The total amount approved for donation was \$5895.

The Board agreed to discuss donation requests for creation of an OMHS Labyrinth and for Sleep in Heavenly Peace until more information could be obtained.

Neighborhood Centers

Ms. Cederbaum distributed a draft of the Board's vision for the OM neighborhood centers. After discussion, the Board agreed on some changes that Ms. Cederbaum would revise for the final version.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported on the testimony he gave at the County budget hearing on behalf of OMCA. He said that the Board of Education met with the County Council to discuss budget priorities regarding the building of High School 13, the TSES rebuild, and the Hammond High School renovation and improvements. The Board agreed to continue advocating for funding to rebuild TSES in the upcoming FY21 HCPSS capital budget.

CCR Report

Ms. Thomas reported that CA would meet with the villages on January 16th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss neighborhood centers. **Ms. Cederbaum** suggested that CA hold the meeting at The Other Barn because it had a larger capacity than the currently scheduled venue. **Ms. Thomas** said she would look into a venue change for the meeting.

Village Manager's Report

Ms. Cederbaum referred to her printed manager's report (ATTACHMENT B).

The Board agreed to have Ms. Engelke send a letter asking CA's general counsel asking for a review of OMCA's D&O liability coverage as it pertains to coverage regarding covenant related issues.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Mr. McCormack motioned to send a 15-day letter to the owners of 5999 Jacobs Ladder. **Mr. Verma** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Mr. McCormack motioned to send a 15-day letter to the owners of 5238 Hayledge Court. **Mr. Verma** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Safety and Security Committee

Refer to the printed Safety and Security Committee report (ATTACHMENT C).

Public Space Advisory Committee

Refer to the printed Public Space Advisory Committee's Complete Streets Subcommittee meeting notes (ATTACHMENT D).

Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas asked about Dunkin Donuts and the cell phone antenna near LA Mart.

Ms. Cederbaum announced that OM's neighborhood community resource officer, Officer Roberto Lopez, had been promoted to Corporal.

Mr. McCormack gave an update on the Stevens Forest/Farewell Road roundabout. He asked Ms. Cederbaum about pre-filed state legislation similar to 2019 HB900 which did not pass during that session. **Ms. Cederbaum** said she had not seen anything pre-filed yet but would be checking weekly

Mr. McCormack motioned to go into closed session to discuss matters pertaining to employees and personnel. **Ms. Bryant** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Mr. Edelson went into the closed session of the Board at 8:33 p.m.

The closed session of the OMCA Board ended at 8:57 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of meeting**
Approve Minutes from November 26, 2019 Board Meeting
Approve Agenda for December 10, 2019 Board Meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Resident Remarks (10 min)**
- 7:15 p.m. OLD BUSINESS (30 min)**
Donation Requests, board discussion and vote
Neighborhood Centers, OM Board Vision and Policy Discussion, continued from 11/26/19
- 7:45 p.m. Board Chair Report**, Jonathan Edelson (10 min)
- 7:55 p.m. Columbia Council Rep. Report**, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)
Vice-Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors
- 8:05 p.m. Village Manager Report**, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)
- 8:10 p.m. Committee Reports (10 min)**
Architecture Committee, Lynn Engelke
Follow up on board question regarding legal coverage and OMCA insurance coverage
- 8:20 p.m. Board Bulletin Board (5 min)**
- 8:25 p.m. Adjourn**
- 8:25 p.m. Closed Session:** OMCA Board to meet in closed session to discuss Matters pertaining to employees and personnel

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

All events are held at The Other Barn unless otherwise noted

Dec. 8, 5 – 8 p.m., Jazz in the Mills Holiday Jazz Extravaganza

Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., OMCA Board Meeting

Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., Gingerbread House Decorating (advance ticket purchase required)

Dec. 15, 3 – 5:00 p.m., OMCA Holiday Open House

OMCA office closed, 12/24 at noon through 1/1/2020

Manager's Report

Submitted by Sandy Cederbaum for December 10, 2019 OMCA Board Meeting

Community and village issues:

Continue to monitor current community issues and work w/county and board chair/committee chairs to address issues.

- Following Roundabout remaining issues (w/Jonathan and Bill)
- Continually remind CA of the Sept. 2020 Silo Repairs
- Finalized County Executive Budget Hearing testimony which was presented on 12/9 (Jonathan)
- Updated final draft of Oakland Mills Neighborhood Center Vision and Policy
- Reviewed OMCA D&O insurance, drafting letter to CA General Counsel

HVAC – awaiting meeting with CA and HVAC company to discuss timeline for replacement units for loft.

Office Holiday Closing – the Office will be closed beginning noon, Dec. 24 and reopen on Jan. 2, 2020

SeeClickFix: Following up on progress of island and curb work across from Other Barn/Dunkin where a fire hydrant was relocated. Following up on road/pothole repairs in front of Dunkin, following up on a small shrub removal on Kilimanjaro/Standon Place. Shrub is causing a sight issue.

Upcoming events, all information on the OM website and in the latest eNews

Breakfast w/Santa (12/7)

Assisted with preparations and day of for Breakfast w/Santa. Many thanks to Brigitta Warren for organizing every last detail of our holiday events. Thanks to OM staff for helping set up and assisting day of, to our Volunteer chefs, Greg Warren and Ken Cederbaum and the Warren family and many other volunteers including local girl scout troop and student volunteers for OMHS, resident Carol Knister, and of course Santa.

Jazz in the Mills (12/8) – Many thanks to concert coordinator Lavenia Nesmith and her wonderful volunteers

Gingerbread House making (12/11) – always a fun event, tickets remain

Christmas Caroling (12/13) – this event is organized by Stevens Forest Neighbors and everyone welcome to attend

Holiday Open House (12/15) – a new event for Oakland Mills, free event, holiday treats, cOMmunity gathering, crafts for kids

Oakland Mills Safety and Security Committee (OMSSC)									
Starting	Date	Location	Incident	Weapon	Injury	Arrest	Note		
Date	Time								
11/22-23/2019	Overnight	9500 block Long Look Lane	Theft from Vehicle	No	No		Resident reported a GPS stolen.		
11/29-30/2019	Overnight	9700 block Basket Ring Road	Theft from Vehicle	No	No		Residents reported 3 vehicles broken into. Cash and purse stolen.		
12/05-07/2019	Overnight	Enquiry Court	Vandalism/Theft	No	No		Resident reported christmas decorations (the letters JOY) stolen from front yard.		
Ending	Date	12/6/2019							

Oakland Mills Complete Streets Subcommittee Meeting Notes
Warren Wortman, subcommittee chair

According to Howard County's Office of Transportation, Lightning View Road is scheduled for spring 2020 repaving.

CA will study the feasibility of constructing a path from Orchard Green to the Red Branch Light.

Members of the subcommittee attended the Tamar Road, Oakland Mills Road, and Robert Fulton Road Complete Streets Public Meetings. Howard County will implement road diets on both Tamar and Oakland Mills Roads after the next resurfacing. Both road designs will reduce travel lanes from 4 to 2 with a center turn lane and bike lanes. One Oakland Mills option proposes protected bike lanes, which the sub-committee strongly supports.

Also, members of the subcommittee attended the Howard County Transportation Forum. Amy Wortman asked about missing curb cuts at CA paths. As a result, she will be in contact with Kris Jagarapu (Howard Co. Highways) to identify missing curb cuts with crosswalks. They are located at Thunder Hill, Log Chain, and Farewell.

A Howard County Budget Hearing will be held on December 9th at 7:00 PM at the George Howard Bldg and sub-committee members are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will be on February 4th at 7:00 PM.

Warren Wortman