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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

**October 27, 2020**

**Link to YouTube recording of the October 13, 2020 OMCA Board Meeting:**

<https://youtu.be/JylUNrpH6s>

## **OMCA Regular Board Meeting**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom remote virtual conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Paul Verchinski; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Board Members—Rebecca Bryant, Larry Pretlow, Bageshwar Verma; Village Manager—Sandy Cederbaum

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** See resident list; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston

## **Opening of Meeting**

- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the October 13, 2020 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the October 27, 2020 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

## **Old Business**

***Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Capital Improvement Plan and Deferred Maintenance on Oakland Mills High School***

**Mr. Edelson** updated the Board on contacts he made regarding deferred maintenance on Oakland Mills schools.

***Update from the latest meeting on CA New Town Visioning for the next 25 to 50 Years***

**Mr. Verchinski** reported on continued discussions about CA New Town Visioning. He said no conclusions had been reached yet and that he would update the Board if there were changes. He also said that during the December 8<sup>th</sup> OMCA Board meeting, residents could inform the Board of what they would like included in the updated Howard County General Plan.

**OM “Community Stakeholder” for Howard County Fire & Rescue’s Update to its Multi-year Strategic Plan**  
**Mr. McCormack** nominated Carol Brain and Alex Patico as Oakland Mills’ representatives to Howard County Fire & Rescue’s Update to its Multi-year Strategic Plan. **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

***Mellenbrook Road and Lightning View Road Request for Speed/Vehicular Study***

**Mr. Edelson** gave an update on OM’s request for a speed/vehicular study of Mellenbrook Road and Lightning View Road. The County said that because of Covid-19, reduced traffic was not representative of the usual traffic patterns, so it was not conducting speed/vehicular studies. **Mr. Edelson** suggested asking the Howard County Police Department if and when it would be monitoring speed in the school zone on Mellenbrook and using data from HCPD’s monitoring to evaluate any speed issues. The Board agreed with this approach.

**Board Chair Report**

**Mr. Edelson** reported that Columbia Community Care (CCC) was looking for an indoor space to continue distributing items to people in need as outdoor temperatures cooled. **Mr. Edelson** suggested offering use of the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center for distribution. Ms. Cederbaum contacted CCC with the offer and would have CCC tour the space if they were interested.

**Mr. Edelson** discussed donation requests. Due to Covid-19 budget issues, OMCA deferred distribution of donations to late in the fiscal year when it adopted its budget. Funds for donations could be reevaluated later when conditions improved. He said he would send Board members language to use in email responses to donation requests.

**Columbia Council Representative Report**

**Ms. Thomas** reported on CA’s FY22 capital budget. She asked anyone who had comments on the budget to contact her. She said CA would be discussing its FY22 operating budget on January 8<sup>th</sup> and that there would be opportunities for residents to share their views on the budget throughout the process.

**Ms. Thomas** discussed recommendations on affordable housing in the updated Howard County General Plan. She said that the OMCA Board might be interested in possible discussions on village centers’ redevelopment that would include affordable housing. **Mr. Edelson** asked Ms. Thomas to ensure that the affordable housing discussion included impact on Howard County public schools.

**Village Manager Report**

OM’s Facility and Events Coordinator Brigitta Warren gave a report on tours and rental bookings on behalf of Ms. Cederbaum.

**Committee Reports**

***Architecture Committee***

**Ms. Engelke** gave an update on the RAC. Applications continued to come in at a higher than normal volume despite the cooler temperatures.

***OM Public Space Advisory Committee***

Refer to ATTACHMENT C.

**Board Bulletin Board**

**Mr. McCormack** said that the hill behind Oakland Mills High School bordering Thunder Hill Road near the

village center had been mowed and suggested that future plans could including landscaping design that spells out Oakland Mills.

**Mr. Edelson** adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**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, Board Vice-chair (arrived 7:20 p.m.); Lynn Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Paul Verchinski (left at 8:20 p.m.); Bageshwar Verma; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Larry Pretlow

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** See resident list; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston

## Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the September 22, 2020 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Verma** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-1). **Mr. Edelson** motioned to amend the September 22, 2020 OMCA Board meeting minutes. **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Ms. Bryant** motioned to approve the October 13, 2020 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Verchinski** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

## New Business

### *Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Capital Improvement Plan and Deferred Maintenance on Oakland Mills High School*

**Mr. Edelson** reported on the HCPSS deferred maintenance numbers, which included Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) and Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS), together amounting to 20% of the total deferred maintenance for the entire school district. While OMMS was included in HCPSS's ten-year Capital Improvement Plan, OMHS was not. **Mr. Edelson** suggested calling attention to the situation at OMHS at upcoming County Executive and County Council budget hearings.

### ***Board Position on CA New Town Visioning for the next 25 to 50 Years***

**Mr. Verchinski** and **Ms. Thomas** reported on recent meetings of CA's Taskforce for the Howard County General Plan (ATTACHMENT C). The meetings focused on New Town zoning and recommendations by consultants for placement of affordable housing in Howard County. **Mr. McCormack** said that the Howard County Housing Taskforce had been discussing affordable housing in the County and that he was putting together a request for an ordinance that would evaluate housing and demographics centered around elementary schools throughout the County. **Mr. Verchinski** asked that the Board consider its position on Howard County General Plan's vision for New Town zoning.

### ***OM "Community Stakeholder" for Howard County Fire & Rescue's Update to its Multi-year Strategic Plan***

**Mr. Edelson** said that a request had been made for a "community stakeholder" or member of the board to represent OM in Howard County Fire & Rescue's update to its Multi-year Strategic Plan. Board members suggested Steve & Judy Gottsagen and Carol Brain. **Mr. Edelson** said he would reach out to those individuals to assess their interest in the position.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Mellenbrook Road and Lightning View Road Request for Speed/Vehicular Study***

**Ms. Cederbaum** gave an update on the County's response to the Board's request for a speed and vehicular study of Mellenbrook Road and Lightning View Road (ATTACHMENT D). The Board agreed to continue to pursue the speed/vehicular study. **Ms. Cederbaum** also gave updates on other transportation-related requests made by the Board regarding 108.

### **Board Chair Report**

**Mr. Edelson** reported that Cedar Realty was looking for a new tenant for 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Saloon's space. He also said that he had asked Cedar about designating parking spaces for certain businesses.

**Mr. Edelson** discussed biased coverage of a recent occurrence in the village.

### **Columbia Council Representative Report**

**Ms. Thomas** reported that CA was opening more sports programs as well as the Art Center. She also encouraged residents to speak out in CA meetings and send emails regarding essential CA services. She expressed her concern about CA budget transparency.

### **Village Manager Report**

**Ms. Cederbaum** reported on a small private event held at The Other Barn. She also reported on usage of OM neighborhood centers. She gave an update on recent improvements to The Other Barn.

**Ms. Cederbaum** said that a CA Open Space employee who was assigned to The Other Barn crew recently passed away .

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Architecture Committee***

**Ms. Engelke** gave an update on the RAC. She also reported that Cedar Realty and the new laundromat had presented three new signage designs to the Non-Residential Architecture Advisory Committee and received approval.

### **Board Bulletin Board**

**Mr. Edelson** thanked and congratulated OM Events and Facilities Coordinator Brigitta Warren for organizing the virtual Oakland Mills Fall Festival.

**Mr. Edelson** 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, October 27, 2020 – 7 p.m.**

**Oakland Mills Community Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Sandy Cederbaum is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Oakland Mills Board of Directors - October 27, 2020

Time: Oct 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**You may join the meeting beginning at 6:50 p.m. You will be placed in a “waiting room” and zoom host will admit. All participant’s audio will be muted upon “entry”.** Please note that you will be required to upgrade the zoom application to 5.0 and if you have not already done so you will be required to before entry to our meeting. There is not cost involved.

**7:00 p.m.**

**Opening of meeting**

Approve Minutes from October 13, 2020 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for October 27, 2020 Board Meeting

**7:05 p.m.**

**Resident Remarks, 3-minute remarks (10 min)**

Please note that meeting attendee’s audio is muted. If you wish to participate in Resident Remarks please “raise your hand” which is one of the options available for participants and appears as an icon on the screen.

**7:15 p.m.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Howard County Public School System Capital Improvement Plan and Deferred Maintenance on Oakland Mills High School, Board Discussion (5 min)**

**Update from the latest meeting on CA New Town Visioning for the next 25 to 50 Years, Paul Verchinski (5min)**

**Discuss a member of the OM Board to participate as a “community stakeholder” in a current effort to update the Howard County Fire and Rescue’s multi-year strategic plan, Board Discussion (5 min)**

**Update on request for a traffic study for Lightning View and Mellenbrook Roads, Village Manager (5min)**

**7:35 p.m. Board Chair Report, Jonathan Edelson (10min)**

**7:45 p.m. Columbia Council Rep. Report, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)  
Vice-Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors  
CA Budget Schedule Update**

**7:55 p.m. Village Manager Report, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)  
Financial and Operations Update**

**8:00 p.m. Committee Reports (5 min)  
Architecture, Lynn Engelke, Chair (5 min)**

**8:05 p.m. Board Bulletin Board (5 min)**

**8:10 p.m. Adjourn**





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Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

**Attendees:**

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Amy Wortman
- Marc Klein
- Jim Caffey
- Mike Westendorf

**Discussions:**

- It is now illegal to park in a bike lane in Howard County - (CB 49-2020 & CR 138-2020 both passed unanimously)
- Sandy Cederbaum & Warren Wortman met with Jessica Bellah of the Columbia Association to discuss non-automobile transportation issues in Oakland Mills.
- Discussed Oakland Mills Rd proposed protected pathway
- Discussed the status of Blandair Park North and the proposed overpass joining North to South Blandair Park

**Action Items:**

- Since the county has not provided a list of the non-ADA compliant curb cuts, we volunteered to enter some of the most critical into SeeClickFix (Thunderhill, Blue Coat, Log Chain, Farewell, Sohap).
- Invite Chris Eatough to the next OM Public Space Meeting.
- Attend the Virtual [Pubic Meeting Robert Fulton Drive Shared Use Path](#) Oct 22nd, 7 PM

**Next Meeting:**

November 17th - 7:00 PM