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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

November 10, 2020

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

<https://youtu.be/zAJn8FODmAg>

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 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Paul Verchinski; Bageshwar Verma; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Lynn Engelke, Larry Pretlow

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: See resident list

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the October 27, 2020 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Verchinski** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the November 10, 2020 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Verma** seconded. **Ms. Thomas** asked to amend the agenda. The Board approved the amended agenda (5-0-0).

New Business

Speeding in Howard County

The Board discussed noise and danger from drag racing and speeding around the County and on roads in or near Oakland Mills. The issue would be discussed again at the Nov. 24th Board meeting.

County Executive 1st Citizens Budget Hearing Testimony

Mr. Edelson shared possible items for the County Executive 1st Citizens Budget Hearing Testimony. A discussion ensued. **Mr. Edelson** and **Ms. Cederbaum** would write a draft of the testimony to be considered and voted upon at the November 24th Board meeting.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson discussed public perception and media coverage of Oakland Mills and its schools.

Mr. Edelson reported that he had spoken with one of the co-founders of Oakland Mills United, a group of OMHS students and alumni interested in perception of and investment in OM schools. **Mr. Edelson** said that he had invited OM United to attend a Board meeting to speak with the Board and said he would be scheduling the group for a January 2021 Board meeting.

Mr. Edelson reported that the new laundromat had opened in the village center.

Columbia Council Representative Report

Ms. Thomas reported that CA had agreed to conduct a feasibility study of installing a bathroom in the upper level of The Other Barn. CA would contact Ms. Cederbaum about the study.

Ms. Thomas updated the Board on efforts to request that the County, State, and Feds help with funding for CA property used by both CA members and the public. She reported that residents would have the opportunity to give input on CA Board discussions on options for Fairway Hills Golf Course, which had ongoing problems because of flooding.

Ms. Thomas gave updates on the CA Capital Budget as well as the upcoming CA Operational Budget (which would be available in January). She said that residents would have the opportunity to testify starting in December, January, and February. She reported that she was working with CA to improve visibility of budgets, meetings, and resident speak-out signups on the CA website.

Ms. Thomas reported that one of the consultants had suggested that the CA Board take advantage of the expertise of the consultants it had hired for the New Town Zoning Taskforce for the Howard County General Plan. They could give advice on possible ways to develop the village centers. This would not cost the villages. She suggested that Oakland Mills might be interested. There would be no charge for this. The issue would be brought back for the November 24th Board meeting.

Ms. Thomas, in response to a board member's question, stated that the use of land for Symphony of Lights was a CA legal issue.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported on operations and finances during Covid-19. She thanked the CA Board and staff for the improvements made to The Other Barn.

OM's Facilities and Events Coordinator Brigitta Warren reported that in lieu of holiday events this year (due to Covid-19), The Other Barn would be hosting a food, toy, and winter mittens/gloves/hats donation collection drive on November 14th and December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to noon on each date. People who wanted to donate could leave items in boxes outside The Other Barn. Donations would be given to the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry and Columbia Community Care organization.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Ms. Cederbaum gave an update on exterior alteration applications and RAC meetings.

Board Bulletin Board

Ms. Bryant asked about a Board member's continued absence. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Verchinski said that the BWI Roundtable would meet virtually November 17th to discuss BWI Roundtable

requests that the FAA had acknowledged but not yet acted upon.

Mr. Verma asked about a large branch left on the median on Stevens Forest Road. **Mr. Edelson** said that the issue had been reported and that the County should be addressing the issue soon.

Mr. Edelson thanked veterans for their Service.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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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 8th 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 Patino 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 8th 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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**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – 7 p.m.**

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

Topic: Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting _ Nov. 10_2020

Time: Nov 10, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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 27, 2020 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for November 10, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

County Executives 1st Citizens Budget Hearing Testimony Discussion (10 min)

7:25 p.m. OLD BUSINESS

7:25 p.m. Board Chair Report, Jonathan Edelson (10min)

**7:35 p.m. Columbia Council Rep. Report, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)
Vice-Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors**

Update on the request to CA for restrooms on the 2nd floor of The Other Barn. Discussion of the CA capital budget for FY22 and schedule for the CA operating budget.

**7:45 p.m. Village Manager Report, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)
Financial and Operations Update**

**7:50 p.m. Committee Reports (5 min)
Architecture, Lynn Engelke, Chair (5 min)**

7:55 p.m. Board Bulletin Board (5 min)

8:00 p.m. Adjourn