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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 ~ Jennifer Hood ~ Rena Ross ~ Warren Wortman
Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, Columbia Council Representative

August 10, 2021

Link to YouTube recording of the August 10, 2021 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/s4Uhd-5YyU4>

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 7:03 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, AC Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant (out due to technical difficulties after 8:55 p.m.); Jennifer Hood (in and out due to technical difficulties); Rena Ross; Warren Wortman; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the July 6th/July 13th 2021 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the August 10, 2021 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Jim Caffey thanked the Board and Ms. Cederbaum for their block party donation. He encouraged the Board to support establishing a multi-use path on the south side of Route 108 and asked that Ms. Thomas ask the CA Board to support it as well.

Sheila Robinson and Anjali Sanghvi spoke about an ongoing issue in their neighborhood. **Ms. Engelke** and **Mr. Edelson** explained the general covenant process and the limitations of the covenants, including areas that the County and State had authority over.

Mike Westendorf spoke about the proposed Orchard Green pathway and said he would like a crosswalk at 108 and Red Branch. He noted that the pathway would be a good “green” project.

New Business

CA FY23 Budget Requests from Oakland Mills

Mr. Edelson shared the CA budget schedule and engagement process (ATTACHMENT C) and a draft of OMCA's priority list for CA (ATTACHMENT D). **Ms. Cederbaum** suggested adding investment of excess cash reserves back into the villages for the duration of the current CA/Villages management contract. **Mr. Edelson** suggested amending The Other Barn's loft bathroom addition to include support of a new plan by CA to place the bathroom at the back of the loft near the back entrance and elevator. He also suggested urging CA to find ways to hire more aquatic staff for the next season, including more competitive pay rates. **Ms. Bryant** suggested adding a request for electric chargers at more CA facilities, including the ice rink. The Board agreed to these suggestions.

Old Business

Proposed Orchard Green Tot Lot Path Along Route 108 to Red Branch Road

Mr. Edelson reviewed the proposed Orchard Green tot lot path. The path, constructed by CA and the County, would extend from the Orchard Green tot lot to Red Branch Road. The County also had long-term plans to establish a multi-use path along Route 108 from Phelps Luck Drive to the Red Branch Road traffic signal crossing. The Board agreed to send a letter to the County encouraging earlier action on a portion of its multi-use path along Route 108 with the State and CA included as recipients for that letter. It was hoped that this would enable all parties involved to work together to establish the paths and sidewalk.

OMCA HCPSS Capital Budget Testimony to the Board of Education

Mr. Edelson shared the testimony he would be giving at the Board of Education's meeting on August 12th (ATTACHMENT E). The Board agreed that Mr. Edelson could share the testimony as written.

Transfer Cooke Cemetery from Howard Hughes Corporation to Howard County

Mr. Edelson reported that he had not heard from the County or residents involved in the issue. The Board would wait to hear from the County and the residents and discuss under Old Business at the August 24th OMCA Board meeting.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson thanked Ms. Cederbaum and OMCA Facility and Events Coordinator Brigitta Warren for keeping residents safe by effectively communicating about severe weather prior to the OM pool party on August 9th, which was eventually cancelled. A second pool party was scheduled for the following Thursday, August 12th.

Columbia Council Representative Report

Ms. Thomas spoke about combining CA's "Let's Talk" and "Community Conversations" campaigns. She encouraged input from the community during the CA budget process and reported that CA was looking for new legal counsel. She also reported that CA was looking into independently appointing members of CA advisory committees in order to promote more diversity. This could also remove villages' involvement in the appointment process.

Ms. Thomas shared a CA report on tot lots. **Mr. McCormack** asked that CA engage with the community about next steps for the tot lots. **Ms. Engelke**, **Mr. Wortman**, and **Ms. Bryant** encouraged imaginative options for replacement equipment. **Mr. Edelson** cautioned about assuming a tot lot was not needed since other playgrounds such as school playgrounds were available. Such playgrounds might not be accessible at times when younger children could play or might not be within walking distance. The Board agreed that **Mr. McCormack** could contact Open Space Director Dennis Matthey to discuss next steps, including engagement with the OMCA Board and community.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum discussed a change to OMCA's FY21 4th Quarter Report, which occurred due to a change

CA's calculation of cash reserves. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to approve the budget as amended due to the recalculation of the cash reserve. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Ms. Cederbaum reported that the Oakland Mills Nursery School at the Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center was closing after more than forty years. A Thunder Hill resident would likely be renting the space for a preschool.

Ms. Cederbaum also reported that The Village in Howard would be returning to the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center now that the summer camp there had closed for the end of the season. A different church would be renting The Other Barn on Sunday mornings. **Ms. Cederbaum** gave an update on staffing at The Other Barn. There was a job opening for facilities assistant for some weeknights and some Saturdays at The Other Barn. Those interested could email her.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Ms. Engelke discussed a community email she and RAC member Kay Wisniewski had sent about seemingly dead trees that had been damaged by cicadas but would recover. The email also discussed covenant rules regarding removal of trees. **Ms. Engelke** said that she would be putting together something educational about trees, tree removal, and trees' importance to the environment.

Public Space Advisory Committee

See ATTACHMENT F.

Board Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas said she was looking forward to the OM pool party on Thursday. She announced that the Teen Center would be hosting a pool party at the Stevens Forest pool at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Edelson welcomed new Board member, **Ms. Jennifer Hood**.

Ms. Hood thanked the Board for having her on the Board. She said that she had begun posting announcements to the Verona's resident communications board.

Ms. Ross said she would be meeting with OM Neighborhood Resource Officer Joseph DeBronzo in September.

Mr. Wortman said he had heard from a master gardener that the Watershed Stewards would soon have a meeting about the unmowed "Hill at the Mill" (behind OMHS along Thunder Hill Road).

Mr. McCormack said he would send photos of lettering ideas for the "Hill at the Mill."

Mr. Edelson said he hoped to see as many as possible at the OM pool party.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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July 6th & 13th, 2021

July 6, 2021

OMCA Board Vacancy Interview (held July 6, 2021)

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

Mr. Edelson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Warren Wortman; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Rena Ross

Quorum Present: Yes

Also present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston, Jennifer Hood, Patrick Patterson; see resident list.

Ms. Thomas motioned to approve the agenda for the interview meeting. **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Mr. Edelson introduced the candidates, Jennifer Hood and Patrick Patterson, and the Board conducted the interview.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the Board vacancy interview at 7:45 p.m.

July 13, 2021

Link to YouTube recording of the July 13, 2021 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/JItAUVyd48o>

OMCA Regular Board Meeting

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Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, AC Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Rena Ross; Warren Wortman; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Board of Education Members Jennifer Mallo, Antonia Watts, and Jolene Mosley; Michael Harris, Special Assistant to Howard County District 2 Councilmember Opel Jones; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; Howard County Executive Calvin Ball's Community Liaison & Social Media Manager Safa Hira; Talbott Springs Elementary School Principal Nancy Thompson; Oakland Mills United Executive Director Samuel Hahn; 75 residents in attendance.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the June 22, 2021 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the July 13, 2021 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Resident Remarks

David Smith spoke about deferred maintenance of Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) and Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) as well as diversity and equity.

James Feagin spoke about the transfer of Cooke Cemetery from Howard Hughes Corporation to Columbia Association. He also suggested a name change from Robert Oliver Place to Margaret or Peggy Mace Place. **Mr. Edelson** asked for clarification as to whether the transfer would go to Columbia Association or Howard County, and Mr. Feagin said that an email he had received from Howard Hughes Corporation said the transfer would be to Columbia Association. **Ms. Thomas** stated she would work with Mr. Feagin and the CA Board regarding the transfer.

Oakland Mills United Executive Director Samuel Hahn thanked the Board of Education (BOE) members who were in attendance at the Board meeting. He spoke about deferred maintenance at OMMS and OMHS. He asked the BOE to listen to students' feedback and take it into consideration.

John DiTomasso stated that he supported the transfer of Cooke Cemetery to Howard County rather than CA because the County had more resources to care for the cemetery than CA.

Aadya Sharma stated that she had attended Lake Elkhorn Middle School and OMHS. She pointed out issues at both schools, especially deferred maintenance and the original 1973 HVAC still used at OMHS.

Sylvia Hennesie, who attended Oakland Mills schools and was an HCPSS Teacher-of-the-year, spoke about the resiliency of the Oakland Mills community and the high quality of students produced by OM schools. Though she praised the rebuild of Talbott Springs Elementary School (TSES), she asked the Board of Education members to help the OM community advocate and bring about change for its schools.

New Business

Community Discussion with Members of the HCPSS Board of Education

Mr. Edelson introduced the discussion, which pertained to deferred maintenance of OMMS and OMHS as well as other school-related issues. He also introduced the HCPSS Board of Education members who were present:

Ms. Jolene Mosley, Ms. Antonia Watts, and Ms. Jennifer Mallo.

Regarding the question of why maintenance issues at OMMS and OMHS had been deferred for so long, Ms. Mosley explained that the number of seats affected whether a school would receive renovations, though she expressed concern about deferred maintenance at OM schools as well as the experience of students and teachers inside the schools. Ms. Watts stated that it was a public relations issue and suggested ways to increase awareness about issues at OMMS and OMHS as well as improve the reputations of the schools. She also stated that prioritization of Thomas Viaduct Middle School over OMMS/OMHS related to a desire to avoid redistricting due to housing development in the area. Ms. Mallo encouraged residents to vote for BOE members who would advocate for OM schools, especially for the 2022 election of at-large members of the BOE.

Regarding the question of capacity needs being determined by area school attendance projections and the continued under-capacity of OMHS, Ms. Mosley suggested looking at the school feed structure and patterns of students moving within and between feeds as a way of identifying which students needed to be moved during redistricting.

Regarding the question of equity and OM schools' underrepresented students, Ms. Watts stated that an equity-based BOE with members who would vote accordingly was needed. Ms. Mallo stated that members of the BOE were needed who understood "by experience" underrepresented students so that OM school-related issues could obtain a majority of votes.

Ms. Bryant asked about OM representation on the BOE and asked who else on the BOE residents and Board members could reach out to. Ms. Mosley and Ms. Watts encouraged residents to reach out to all BOE members. Ms. Mallo encouraged members of the OM community to attend the HCPSS Capital Budget Public Hearing in August to raise awareness of the issues at OMMS and OMHS.

Ms. Thomas asked about contact from County officials regarding these issues. Ms. Mosley stated that the BOE had not heard from County officials regarding deferred maintenance at OMMS/OMHS. She suggested reaching out to the County Executive and Councilmembers.

Mr. Edelson responded that OM had been advocating and that OM residents were 50 to 60 percent of the testimony at the most recent BOE and County Council budget hearings.

Ms. Mallo suggested that County representatives present at the Board meeting bring the issues to County Executive Calvin Ball and Councilmember Jones' attention.

TSES Principal Nancy Thompson spoke about the difficulties she and others faced in advocating for the rebuild of the school, a process which took ten years. She stated that the school had tried all of the suggestions the BOE members had made earlier in the meeting but that ultimately it was the OM community and the OMCA Board's involvement that finally brought about the rebuild. She stated that children in the OM community were as worthy as any other student in the County.

Regarding the frequent turnover of staff and administrators in OM schools, Ms. Mallo stated that the superintendent and staff determined transfers and that the BOE had been advocating for increased stability. Ms. Watts spoke about ways to retain teachers, staff, and administrators at schools.

Resident Krista Threefoot asked about those who regularly advocated at BOE meetings and what kinds of people advocated. She stated that it was difficult for many members of the OM community to attend those meetings and devote time to advocacy due to their need to work. Ms. Mosley stated that though there was no public transportation to the building where BOE meetings took place, virtual testimony would continue. BOE members would also listen to students who emailed them. Ms. Watts stated that advocacy need not require large

amounts of time. Ms. Mallo said to keep testimony and requests made at meetings and to the BOE simple and concise.

Mr. McCormack thanked the BOE members for their service. He stated that he had been serving as Co-chair of the Howard County Housing Opportunities Master Plan Taskforce. The Taskforce had recommended changes in zoning regulations/land use, changes in policies, programs, and procedures, and changes in the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to obtain a more diverse housing mix throughout the County. **Mr. McCormack** suggested that the BOE change policy to focus away from capacity and toward providing excellent facilities for all existing HCPSS schools.

Mr. Edelson thanked the BOE members for attending the Board meeting. He asked them to continue to advocate for OM schools. He pointed out that schools surrounding OMHS were over capacity and that in recent redistricting, no student from those crowded schools had crossed over to attend OMHS. This was a reputation and public relations issue, and communities such as OM needed the advocacy of the BOE.

Cooke Cemetery Transfer of Ownership from Howard Hughes Corporation

The Board discussed the transfer of ownership of Cooke Cemetery to either Columbia Association or Howard County. **Mr. Edelson** asked Howard County District Aide Ashley Alston and Michael Harris, Special Assistant to Howard County Councilmember Opel Jones, to look into the issue so that the Board could form a position. Mr. Harris stated that Councilmember Jones's office would be meeting with residents James Feagin and Rashida George to discuss the cemetery's transfer of ownership.

Ms. Cederbaum confirmed that Robert Oliver Place was on the County's list of possible name changes.

Old Business

Vacant Board Seat

The Board voted by secret ballot, and Jennifer Hood was voted in as the new OMCA Board member.

July 4th Fireworks Bike Corral Report

Mr. Wortman reported that 50 bikes had been parked at the corral, taking 25 cars off the road, and 20 volunteers participated. **Ms. Bryant** thanked OM residents Patrick and Brawnlynn Patterson for bringing the idea of a bike corral to her and Mr. Wortman. The group was looking at future events at which to conduct the bike corral.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that the Unisex Hair Salon had opened in the village center and that NYC Pizza would open the week of July 19th.

Mr. Edelson reported on the NRAAC application process for the 7/11 store and gas station at the former Exxon lot. He reported that Cedar was planning to tear down the former 2nd Chance Saloon space and replace it with a rock garden, which conflicted with OMCA architectural guidelines. He urged the Board to strictly follow its NRAAC process. Mr. Edelson also stated that CA Community Development staff said that once the County received plans from a developer, the village center community plans might come into play.

Mr. Edelson expressed his reaction to the BOE discussion earlier in the meeting.

Resident Amy Brooks thanked Mr. Edelson for representing the community on school-related issues. She said that Oakland Mills Online would like to commit to a monthly action item which other OM community organizations act on as well.

Columbia Council Representative Report

Ms. Thomas reported on the Howard County General Plan and how village center plans were important. She discussed the CA budget process. She suggested that OMCA send its priority list to the CA staff as soon as possible.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported that the staff was now on a hybrid schedule both in and out of the office.

Committee Reports

Public Space Advisory Committee

Mr. Wortman reported that the committee would be meeting in-person at the pavilion next to the bocci courts at Blandair Park on July 20th at 7:00 p.m. **Mr. Edelson** reported that short, medium and long-term solutions for “The Hill at the Mill” (along Thunder Hill Road behind OMHS) had been agreed upon by those present at the July 9th meeting at OMHS.

Architecture Committee

Ms. Engelke said that she looked forward to progress on village center development.

Board Bulletin Board

Ms. Cederbaum thanked Mr. Edelson for organizing the BOE discussion with 75 residents in attendance.

Mr. Edelson announced that the IRS would be sending monthly refunds to families for the Child Tax Credit starting July 15th. These payments might not be automatic for those who did not have a tax return filing requirement. They should visit IRS.gov as soon as possible to register through the portal to ensure they received payment.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting – Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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7:00 p.m.

Opening of meeting

Approve Minutes from July 27, 2021 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for August 10, 2021 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

CA FY23 Budget Requests from Oakland Mills, Board discussion (10 min)

7:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Orchard Green Tot Lot (proposed) path along Rte 108 to Red Branch Road, Board Discussion (15 min)

OMCA HCPSS Capital Budget Testimony to Board of Education on August 12, Board Discussion (10 min)

Cooke Cemetery discussion to support transfer of ownership from Howard Hughes Corporation to Howard County Government and ask Councilman Jones to support the transfer, Board Disc. (5 min)

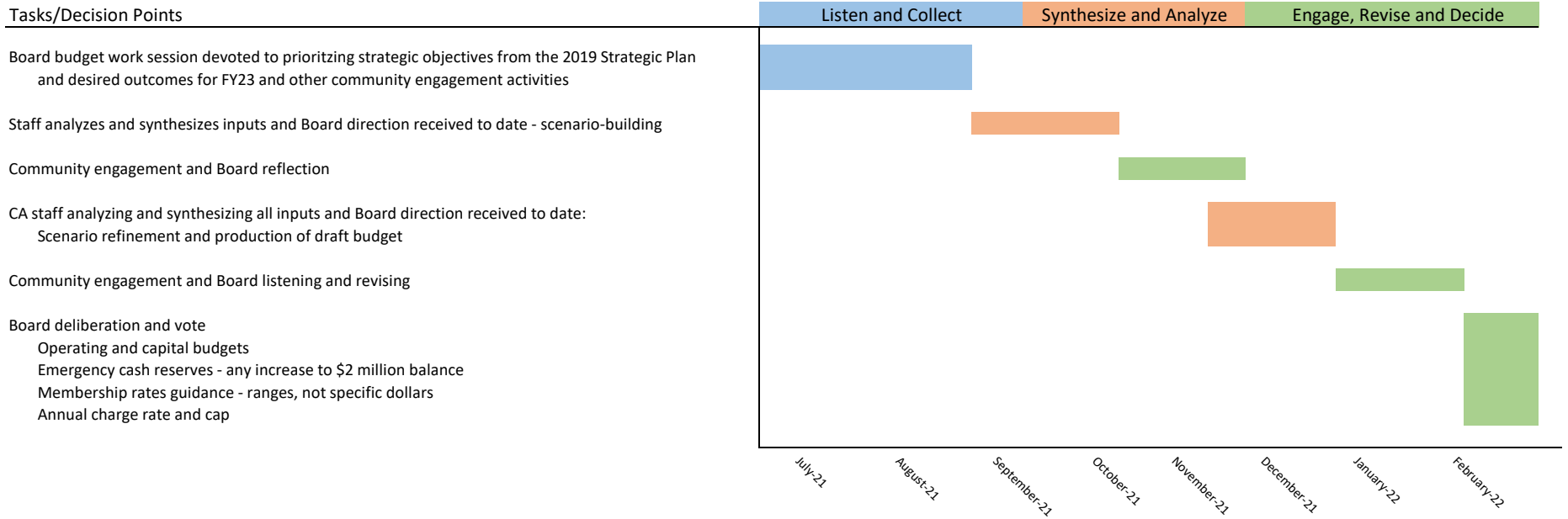
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Board Chair Report, Jonathan Edelson (10min)

- 8:05 p.m.** **Columbia Council Rep. Report**, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)
Vice-Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors
Discussion of CA draft [Tot Lot](#) proposal
Discussion of [CA budget](#): Feedback process, Annual charge-- to raise or not, structure of
CA's advisory committees and possible changes, and Oakland Mills village board
request for funding from CA
- 8:15 p.m.** **Village Manager Report**, Sandy Cederbaum (10 min)
Revised FY21 Year End Financials, discuss and vote
Neighborhood Center update
Financial and Operations Update
- 8:25 p.m.** **Committee Reports (5 min)**
Architecture, Lynn Engelke, Chair (5 min)
- 8:30 p.m.** **Board Bulletin Board (5 min)**
- 8:35 p.m.** **Adjourn**

APPROVED BUDGET SCHEDULE FOR FY 2023 -- ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

July 22, 2021





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June 28, 2021

The Oakland Mills Board of Directors has compiled the following list of priorities for CA. We'd like to discuss the list with you at your convenience at an Oakland Mills Board of Directors meeting.

Priority list – list is not in priority order

- Add a second sheet of ice to the Columbia Ice Rink; work in partnership with Howard County to create a state of the art ice arena
- Promote the uniqueness of Columbia's village and village events
- Work with the State Highway Administration and Colonial Pipeline to design and build a pedestrian/bike path from the Orchard Green tot lot along Route 108 to the light at Red Branch Road
- Commit to a comprehensive, transparent partnership process with the villages to evaluate the management contract in FY23/FY24 in preparation for a new management contract beginning in FY25
- Perform a consultant-led community engagement process to reevaluate CA and determine its function, purpose, structure, and future.
- Install a restroom on the second floor of The Other Barn without reduction of event space or building capacity
- Consult with Oakland Mills to plan the next phase of the tot lot pilot program in Oakland Mills.

Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to discuss the school system's capital budget and capital improvement program. My name is Jonathan Edelson, and I am representing the nearly 10,000 members of the Oakland Mills Community Association.

During a recent Oakland Mills village board meeting, we were advised to be succinct and direct in our capital budget message. We were also told we must speak with a larger voice. <I'd love to insert something here acknowledging everyone in the background at the pool party, but I'm afraid I'll jinx it and there will be a huge thunderstorm, so I'll just plan to say that if I'm delivering this from the party.>

Quite simply, over \$160 million dollars in deferred maintenance on two buildings, Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High, in the same cluster is unacceptable. These buildings have consistently been kept under capacity while the school system and county celebrate acquisition of land and new construction to expand capacity.

In Oakland Mills, we proudly proclaim that we are OM; we are strongest together. However, we have a smaller voice despite being surrounded by overcrowded middle and high schools. We don't determine how many families attend our schools. This is a disservice to both those who attend Oakland Mills schools and those who continue to attend neighboring overcrowded schools.

It would be fiscally responsible to use your existing facilities to their maximum capacity and to prevent your structures from declining to the point that the deferred repairs cost more than entirely new buildings.

The deferred maintenance on Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High represents 20 percent of all deferred maintenance across the system. The students of Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High represent 3 percent of the HCPSS student body. The students of Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High are also more likely to be from racially and ethnically underrepresented backgrounds and are twice or more as likely to have financial challenges than the rest of the HCPSS student body. It is also morally responsible to stop making this 3 percent carry 20 percent of the burden of the deferred maintenance burden.

So, to put it very succinctly: Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High: you have a fiduciary and moral responsibility to fill them and fix them.



Oakland Mills Community Association
Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Meeting held at Blandair North Park

Attendees:

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Jim Caffey
- Mike Westendorf

Discussion(s):

- **Orchard Green Tot Lot pathway.** A public hearing will be held on August 10 at the Oakland Mills Village Board Meeting. Dennis Matthey, Director of Open Space, Columbia Association will give the presentation. We need to get the word out about the meeting to businesses, organizations, Councilman Opel Jones and neighbors.
- OMHS NoMow Hill - upcoming meeting is scheduled for August 2nd, hosted by the Watershed Stewards.
- 4th of July Fireworks Bike Corral was a success: 50 bikes parked (plus a unicycle and a humongous stroller), 25 cars off the road and only used 6 parking spaces. We plan to do another bike corral next year, if not sooner for another occasion.

Action Items:

- Orchard Green Tot Lot pathway.
 - Identify businesses north of MD 108 to contact (Jim)
 - Modify the letter to businesses (Warren)
 - Notify Opel Jones of letter writing campaign (Warren)
 - Find residents willing to give remarks for the meeting (all)
 - Contact Frank Eastham (Mike)

Next Meeting: August 17, 2021- 7:00 pm - 8:00pm @ Blandair North at the pavilion near the Bocce Ball courts