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## Oakland Mills Community Association Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

### Attendees:

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Jim Caffey
- Mike Westendorf

### Discussion(s):

- **SPIN eScooters coming to Columbia in March but not OM. BikeShare probably ending in June** - Jonathan Edelson sent an email to the CA board arguing for opening the eScooter boundaries to Oakland Mills.
- **Bike Corral** Bike HoCo will hold the 4th of July bike corral again this year. Does Oakland Mills have an upcoming event with a need for a bike corral?
- **Snow Shoveling** As stated on the OM website: "County law states that residents must clear all sidewalks that abut their property within 48 hours after the snow has stopped. Please take time after a snow and/or ice event to clear the sidewalks so that our children can get to and from school safely." I live on a corner with sidewalks on two sides of my property. After I shovel, county snowplows invariably pile snow from the intersection, blocking the end of the sidewalk. This usually happens at night, leaving a tall frozen pile the next morning. Not only is this practice frustrating to homeowners, but it is also unsafe for pedestrians and against the tenets of the Complete Streets policy. This happens throughout Oakland Mills and probably Columbia. Snow is predicted Saturday. OM Public Space will conduct a See Click Fix campaign, submitting before and after pictures of intersections after the snow.
- **Orchard Green and MD 108 pedestrian crossing.** I got tired of drilling down to find the Orchard Green Tot Lot in Google Maps, so a few years ago I submitted it as a location. Google recently notified me that the Orchard Green Tot Lot just had its 5,000th view.
- **OM Environmental project (\$28k)** The OM Public Space Committee supports using some money for rain gardens and tree planting. The circle along the path on Steven's forest is unshaded and could be a perfect location for an Oakland Mills oak(s).

### Action Items:

- See Click Fix campaign highlighting snow piles at intersections blocking sidewalks.

**Next Meeting:** February 16th - 7:00 PM - Zoom