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## Oakland Mills Community Association Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

### Attendees:

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Jim Caffey
- Mike Westendorf
- Casey Bryant
- Rebecca Bryant

### Discussion(s):

- **BikeShare will begin removing bikes on February 21st, 2022. OMVC station is scheduled for removal on 2/24.**
- **Bike Corral** The OMCA Board suggested holding a bike corral at the Oakland Mills Fall Festival in October. Bike HoCo will hold the 4th of July bike corral again this year.
- **Snow Shoveling** Still waiting for snow to conduct a see-click-fix campaign showing plowed snow impeding sidewalks at intersections. Bob Marietta mentioned that Kris Jagapu would welcome that information.
- **Lake Elkhorn Watershed Restoration Project.** Warren Wortman noted that the OMCA board members had received many letters condemning this project. A lengthy discussion ensued, mostly from Bob Marietta. Below are the main points
  - .This first step is a means of financing, the actual project has not yet been fully planned,
  - Although some trees will be removed, because of the proximity to the CA paths, this will be minimized,
  - The threat of an Ellicott City-like flood and collapse of the Lake Elkhorn dam is likely if remediation is not performed. Remediation will provide more water and delay siltation. This should help protect the dam but is still not an absolute guarantee from huge storm events.
  - Many trees have already been lost due to extensive erosion along the stream and more are threatened by continuing erosion.

### Future Events

- **February 12** (Saturday) through February 18 (Friday at 4 pm) - Howard County Active Transportation Open House 2022 (only virtual) to attend visit 2/12 to 2/18: [www.howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022)
- **April 9th** - Green Fest at Howard Community College on Saturday, April 9th from 10 am - 3 pm
- **May 7th** (9am - 1:00p,m) – Oakland Mills Plant sale and Yards Alive [Plant Share](#)
- **May 14-15** (in-person event May 14) - BikeAround Spring 2022
- **May 16-20** (B2W Day event afternoon of May 20 @ ColorBurst Park) - Bike to Work Week

**Next Meeting:** March 15th - 7:00 pm - Zoom