



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

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February 8, 2022

Link to YouTube recording of the February 8, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/1iW21xaXd6s>

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, Architectural Committee Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative (arrived 7:05 p.m.); Rebecca Bryant; Jennifer Hood; Rena Ross; Warren Wortman; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; OM's BWI Roundtable Representative Paul Verchinski; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the January 25, 2022 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0)
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the February 8, 2022 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston said she had contacted Howard County Public Works Chief Jennifer Biddle as well as Howard County Executive Community Liaison Safa Hira to find out when road painting on Stevens Forest Road would take place. She was also following up on the OM Priorities List for the County, which included safety measures at the intersection of Stevens Forest and Kilimanjaro Roads.

New Business

BWI Roundtable

OM's BWI Roundtable Representative Paul Verchinski gave an update on recent developments with the BWI Roundtable. He reported that Maryland State Senate Bill 658 was currently being considered. The bill would establish a Maryland Aviation Infrastructure Impacts Commission to study the health and environmental impacts of commercial aviation in certain communities in Maryland and require, for fiscal years 2024 through 2027, the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of at least \$430,000 to the Commission

(wording from the bill's synopsis). Mr. Verchinski asked that the Board support the bill. The subject would be brought back as Old Business at the February 22nd Board meeting.

Old Business

Yards Alive Cul-de-sac Beautification Proposal

Ms. Bryant reviewed the specifics of the proposal (ATTACHMENT C). A discussion ensued. **Ms. Ross** motioned to approve the Oakland Mills/Yards Alive cul-de-sac beautification project as proposed by Ms. Bryant with a \$250 cap. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that there had been no further communication from CA regarding a proposed environmental project using CA cash reserve funds.

Mr. Edelson reported that he had contacted CA Vice President of Community Operations Dennis Mattey about the OM tot lot pilot program. Mr. Mattey replied that the program was on hold due to a policy adopted last year that was being extended to all of Columbia. **Mr. Edelson** also reported that Hickory Ridge had asked that CA cash reserves be used for a new playground/tot lot at Sixpence rather than an environmental project. If this were to occur, it would be a change in the cash reserve policy previously voted on by the CA Board.

Columbia Council Representative Report

Ms. Thomas continued the discussion on tot lots. She said she supported cash reserve funds going toward environmental projects. The Board encouraged Ms. Thomas to push for consistent application of CA policies. **Mr. Edelson** and **Mr. McCormack** would compose a draft letter about the subject to send to the Board for review.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported that she and Ms. Carpenter were working on OMCA's 2022 Elections materials. Candidate information packets would be available on the OM website and in print on February 15th.

Committee Reports

Public Space Committee

Mr. Wortman reported that Bike HoCo would be helping with the Bike Corral for the 4th of July fireworks in Downtown Columbia. He asked if OM had any events it would like to have a bike corral for. **Ms. Cederbaum** suggested the OM Fall Festival.

Mr. Wortman said he had created a pin placemark on Google Maps for the Orchard Green Tot Lot. The pin had received over 50,000 views in two weeks. **Mr. Wortman** hoped that this meant interest was high for the Orchard Green path and Red Branch pedestrian crosswalk proposal.

Mr. Wortman discussed residential snow removal issues. He said after the next snowfall, the Public Space Committee planned to conduct a SeeClickFix campaign for removal of snowplow buildup from sidewalks.

Mr. Wortman reported that the Public Space Committee supported a more visible project for the CA cash reserve village environmental project.

Architectural Committee

Mr. Edelson motioned to send a 15-day notice to the owners of 6167 Encounter Row. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0). **Mr. Edelson** motioned to send a letter to CA should the owners of 6167 Encounter Row not respond to the 15-day notice. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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January 25, 2022

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<https://youtu.be/OkXnv9kjd6I>

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 7:06 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair; Lynn Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant (technical difficulties at beginning of meeting); Jennifer Hood; Rena Ross (arrived 7:08 p.m.); Warren Wortman (intermittent technical difficulties); Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; Howard County Executive's Community Liaison Safa Hira; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the January 11, 2022 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0)
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the January 25, 2022 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Howard County Executive's Community Liaison Safa Hira said that the County had reviewed OMCA's priority list, which was sent in 2021. A response from the County would be coming soon. She said the County's annual Lunar New Year's Celebration would be held virtually on County Executive Calvin Ball's Facebook page on February 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Long Reach resident Amy Bennett said that she was involved in efforts to disapprove CA's Lake Elkhorn stream restoration project. She cited four organizations who had published articles about issues with stream restoration and asked the Board to read them. She said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment had extended the comment period to February 23rd.

New Business

Cul-de-sac Beautification Budget

Ms. Bryant spoke about OMCA's cul-de-sac beautification program. She proposed that \$250 of the program's budget be set aside for a cul-de-sac project that would involve Yards Alive. Yards Alive would help residents who received funding for the special project plan their cul-de-sac beautification to include sustainable native species. The cul-de-sac could then be used for educational purposes. A discussion ensued. The Board agreed that a caveat would need to be added ensuring that the chosen cul-de-sac's residents committed to working with Yards Alive. It was agreed that the project could be voted on separately from the cul-de-sac beautification program vote that usually took place at the beginning of the new Board year. **Ms. Bryant** agreed to share more details when the subject was brought back as Old Business at the February 8th Board meeting.

Old Business

OMCA 2022 Elections

Ms. Cederbaum presented a draft of the OMCA 2022 Election Guidelines, which included feedback and edits from Mr. Edelson, Mr. McCormack, Ms. Cederbaum, and Ms. Carpenter (ATTACHMENT C). A discussion ensued. **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the OMCA 2022 Election Guidelines as amended and pending minor grammatical edits. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Mr. Edelson shared the OMCA 2022 Non-contested Election Calendar (ATTACHMENT D). **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the OMCA 2022 Non-contested Election Calendar. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Mr. Edelson shared the OMCA 2022 Contested Election Calendar (ATTACHMENT E). A discussion ensued. **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the OMCA 2022 Contested Calendar. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (7-0-0).

Mr. Edelson shared the proposed list of OMCA 2022 Election Monitor Committee members, chairs, and ballot counters (ATTACHMENT F). The Board added Intelliscan to the list as the electronic ballot vendor. **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the OMCA 2022 Election Monitor Committee members, chairs, ballot counters, and electronic ballot vendor. **Ms. Bryant** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Contingency Fund Watershed Project

Mr. Edelson reported that no alternate watershed projects had been shared by CA. He suggested requesting a site visit of the Longlook Lane project with CA Watershed Manager John McCoy. **Ms. Cederbaum** suggested that part of the fund be used to plant trees in Oakland Mills, both by CA and by residents. **Ms. Engelke** suggested that OM's CA Watershed Advisory Committee representative Bob Marietta research the Longlook Lane project and other watershed issues and share his findings with the Board. The Board agreed.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson shared again that For Sale signs in front of the Stevens Forest Professional Center were for an office unit in the building and not for the entire building. He reported that **Ms. Cederbaum** continued to work with Cedar to obtain an NRAAC proposal for changes to the former Second Chance Saloon space.

Columbia Council Representative Report

Ms. Thomas gave an update on CA's FY2023 budget process, including the financial impact of the minimum wage increase. There was a continued need for aquatics staffing. She asked for feedback on the budget, especially concerning Columbia Lakefront development.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum gave an update on the search for new facility assistants.

Committee Reports

Public Space Committee

See the January 18th OM Public Space Committee minutes (ATTACHMENT G).

Education Committee

Mr. Edelson encouraged Board members and residents to keep up to date on the school capital budget process. He reported that the Covid Omicron variant outbreak seemed to be settling down at Oakland Mills High School. He also encouraged Board members to look at Maryland State Senate Bill 40, which would require the “Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects, regardless of cost, as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund” (as stated on the bill’s summary). The current minimum amount required to qualify for funding was \$4 million. **Mr. Edelson** asked that Board members share their thoughts on the bill with him.

Board Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas said that the Climate Vulnerability presentation would take place on January 26th in the evening.

Ms. Hood reminded the Board of the invitation she sent to attend a presentation by her employer regarding the Port of Baltimore and the supply chain.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting – Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

***Revised Agenda to include a New Business discussion**

Join Zoom Meeting

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7:00 p.m.

Opening of meeting

Approve Minutes from January 25, 2022 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for February 8, 2022 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 (10 min)

****BWI Roundtable Representative report including discussion of state legislation for potential establishment of an Aviation Commission, Paul Verchinski, BWI Roundtable liaison***

7:25 p.m.

Old Business

Cul-De-Sac Beautification/Yards Alive proposal, board discussion (15 min)

7:40 p.m.

Board Chair Report, Jonathan Edelson (10 min)

7:50 p.m.

Columbia Council Rep. Report, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min), Vice-Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors

Sixpence tot lot in Hickory Ridge and the environmental issue associated with cash reserves CA Budget Process

- 8:00 p.m.** **Village Manager Report**, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)
Financial and Operations Update
- 8:05 p.m.** **Committee Reports (10 min)**
Public Space, Warren Wortman, Chair
Architecture, Lynn Engelke, Chair
- 8:15 p.m.** **Board Bulletin Board** (5 min)
- 8:20 p.m.** **Adjourn**

Yards Alive Cul-de-sac Beautification Proposal

As promised- here's the Yards Alive application we'd like to use for the cul-de-sac makeover project. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZDYwheOPMsLG1lOdhtTkMWAcGkAjUHCfRxZ-CqIUbrl/edit?usp=drivesdk>

And more specifics of our time line and steps are below.

1. Advertise to the community with due date to fill out YA application by March 31.
2. YA reviews applications and selects one based on our mission: to educate as much of the community as possible about sustainable plantings.

This means we'll prioritize applications based on 1) Outside our current member's areas (i.e. not Thunder Hill), 2) Connecting with new audiences, 3) Streets with higher percentages of resident commitment and 4) Willingness to host educational meet ups to use the cul-de-sac as a teaching example and for community engagement.

3. By mid-April, we'll alert both the applicant and Sandy of the selected cul-de-sac for this year's project. Also, we'll reach out to those not selected and offer our knowledge but not the funds to make it happen.
4. During the month of April, we'll work with the residents on a design and locate purchasing options for plants. Also, we'll plan with the resident a site preparation date and install date.
5. Sometime in May, site preparation and planting will occur. Ideally, this will involve as much as the street as possible. The residents will be encouraged to also apply for the block party funds to attract more neighbors to help with the project. YA will supply expertise, tools if needed, and added manpower but we'll be relying on the residents themselves to do most of the work.
6. Residents will be encouraged to develop a watering schedule for at least the first year to help plants establish.
7. By Fall 2022, the cul-de-sac will be added as a crown jewel to our neighborhood tour map. We'll advertise the success and encourage others to follow suit.

I'm looking forward to continuing the discussion about this exciting project next week.

Rebecca