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CA FY FY22 Budget Requests
Submitted by the Oakland Mills Board of Directors

This is being sent in advance for the September 10, 2020 FY22 Budget Hearing from Jonathan Edelson, Chair of the Oakland Mills Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit Oakland Mills requests for revised CA FY22 budget. We are submitting these requests with the clear understanding of how the COVID pandemic has impacted every facet of life impacting our personal well-being, our children's schooling, everyone's physical and mental health, and the significant financial situation that we currently face.

Both village and CA's priorities have changed dramatically and we are all facing unprecedented financial constraints. The Oakland Mills board would first like to thank CA board and staff for the extreme sacrifices that you have made and for the due diligence you have shown in managing CA's current financial crisis.

OMCA's budget requests were compiled looking towards the future and with health and safety priorities for FY22.

Our budget requests reflect current health and safety items and a "wish list" for when CA returns to solid financial ground.

THE OTHER BARN
Short-term 2022 Request

Second floor Restroom

FY 22 – Our request, put forth by Virginia Thomas, OMCA Rep., and with the full support of the OMCA Board is for an evaluation of the feasibility to

construct a handicap restroom for the second floor of the Other Barn. Due to the upgrades that CA and OMCA have made over the years, the Other Barn is a very viable venue and we've seen a significant increase in our rentals.

However, there is no restroom at the Other Barn and this causes a health concern for the many guests who are handicap. The current elevator is at one end of the building, far from the main floor restroom. It takes close to 10 minutes for a guest to get to the elevator, ride to the first floor, and reach the restroom. You can only imagine what a hardship this is.

Thank you for considering an evaluation/feasibility study in FY22.

Columbia Association **Short-term FY2022 Request**

The Covid pandemic and financial crisis have caused CA to take a long hard look at the Association's goals and priorities for the future. Last year, OMCA requested the following and feel that given the current state of affairs, this should remain a priority for CA now, more than ever before:

The Oakland Mills Board supports funding for Columbia Association to hire an outside consultant to evaluate the status and the entire operation of the association. Study should evaluate the current operation and long-range planning for 10, 20, and 30 years out, relative to community needs and best practices.

The following remain priorities with the understanding of the current financial constraints CA faces in FY22.

Neighborhood Centers

Talbott Springs Neighborhood Center: Restroom upgrade to meet ADA standards.

Ice Rink Improvements – Expand the Ice Rink by Adding a Second Sheet of Ice and In Partnership with Howard County Government

The Oakland Mills Board, at its August 28, 2018 meeting, voted unanimously to support expansion of the Columbia Ice Rink in the Oakland

Mills Village Center to include a **second sheet of ice**. This has been re-affirmed by the OMCA Board each year and most recently at the July 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Our request has been modified to ask CA to strongly consider entering into discussions with Howard County Government to partner in adding the second sheet of ice as part to create a CA/County state-of-the-art ice rink. An expanded rink would accommodate CA and Howard County users as well as the provide space to hold region-wide meets and competitive skating competitions.

Improvements to the ice rink will attract additional users and revenue for CA and Howard County and support the revitalization of Oakland Mills.

Parking Lot where Oakland Mills Police Trailer is located:

This was scheduled for the fall, 2019 and rescheduled for spring 2020.

We hope that funding remains available in FY22.

Repave/stripe/make entire lot, remove island trees at each corner entrance to the lot (entrance closest to Other Barn) cut curbs for handicap access from parking lot to sidewalk (Other Barn side).

We would like to conclude by offering our sincere thanks on behalf of the OMCA Board and Staff, for the following items that will be replaced and repaired at the Other Barn this month:

New HVAC units; repairing the Silo; replacement flooring in the Loft; replacement carpet for the main floor; and replacement stair treads for the kitchen and rear stairway.

Thank you for your continued dedicated service to the residents of Columbia during such trying times.