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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 ~ Jerome Rollerson, Acting Architectural Committee Chair
Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Rebecca Bryant ~ Warren Wortman
Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, Columbia Council Representative

June 28, 2022

Link to YouTube recording of the June 28, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting:

https://youtu.be/k2d_gwDXeJo

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; Rebecca Bryant (arrived 7:05 p.m.); Jerome Rollerson (arrived 7:07 p.m.); Warren Wortman; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: East Columbia Library Branch Manager Suki Lee; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the May 24, 2022 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the June 14, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Thomas** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-1).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the June 28, 2022 Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT C). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

New Business

Presentation by the Howard County Public Library

East Columbia Library Branch Manager Suki lee presented information about library events and services. She said that passport services were available at the East Columbia Branch and that the branch also served as teen hub for the community. The library sought partnerships with community organizations.

Discussion on Additional OMCA Board Members

Mr. Edelson said that there were currently two open Board member seats. After discussion, the Board agreed to recruit for one seat with a focus on filling the Architectural Committee Chair position.

Board Chair Report

After discussion, the Board agreed that there would be no July 26th Board meeting for the summer break.

Mr. Edelson said that Cedar's sale of its village center property could possibly occur during the coming week. He had received no reply about from the County about Little Caesars leaving OM and moving to the Long Reach village center. He discussed the importance of advertising for the village center at Blandair Park. **Mr. Edelson** reported that he had sent an email to the CA Board regarding the issue of eScooters left out in the community. **Ms. Thomas** asked that he send the email to CA CEO/President Lakey Boyd as well.

CCR Report

Ms. Thomas reported that the CA Board was working on changes in policies and procedures. She discussed the Lake Elkhorn stream restoration issue. CA would be starting the FY24 Budget process at the July 14th CA board meeting.

A resident asked the Board about trucks parked around Basket Ring Road. A discussion ensued. Residents should report parking violations to HCPD. If possible, they could also send photos to HCPD. Ms. Alton, aide to Councilman Jones, was at the meeting and made aware of the parking concern.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported that the OM audit, which occurred every three years, would take place the week of July 11th. She said the recent Jazz in the Mills concert was a success. The CA Board passed the FY22 cash reserve policy. The summer camp at the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center was in session. Pre-k at the Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center would begin the first week of July. The Oakland Mills Pool Party would take place on August 8th.

Committee Reports

Public Space

Mr. Wortman reported on the Public Space Committee's June 21st meeting (ATTACHMENT D). The BikeHoCo bike corral would be open from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. for the July 4th Fireworks at the Columbia Lakefront. A revised Howard County policy enabled the County to install a sidewalk along a segment of Mellenbrook Road. Howard County would be holding a public meeting on July 13th at 6:00 p.m. about several bike lane restriping projects, including new bike lanes on Thunder Hill Road (north of 175). Repaving and restriping of the Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets project had begun. The road would be reduced to two lanes with bike lanes added. The next Public Space Committee meeting would be in August.

Education Committee

Mr. Edelson reported on the education committee's meeting, held just prior to the OM Board meeting. The committee had discussed the redistricting feasibility report and other redistricting issues. Committee members decided on a "wait and see" approach since the feasibility report did not have major issues for OM schools and the Board of Education would be formulating its own alternate scenarios. The next Education Committee meeting would be in August.

Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas encouraged residents and Board members to look at the CA website to find out about entertainment at the Lakefront on July 4th.

Ms. Bryant said Yards Alive would take a break for the summer. **Ms. Thomas** complimented the Moongong Court cul-de-sac beautification project.

Mr. Edelson observed that traffic had already slowed on Oakland Mills Road due to temporary restriping and reduction in lanes.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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May 24, 2022

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<https://youtu.be/9IFZjwzGeF0>

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair (arrived 7:22 p.m.); Rebecca Bryant (arrived 7:10 p.m.); Jerome Rollerson; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Columbia Association Watershed Manager John McCoy, Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the May 10, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (3-0-0)
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the May 24, 2022 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Resident Jennie Kranefield spoke on behalf of Howard County Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. The organization was asking that local government and organizations support a resolution recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 3rd.

New Business

Proclamation Recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Ms. Thomas introduced a proclamation recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 3rd (ATTACHMENT C). A discussion ensued. Due to the time sensitive nature of this issue, **Mr. Rollerson** motioned to waive board policy on no voting during new business. **Mr. Edelson** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0). **Mr. Rollerson** motioned to approve the proclamation. **Ms. Bryant** seconded. After discussion, the proclamation was amended. The motion was approved as amended (5-0-0).

Old Business

Stevens Forest Pond Options

CA Watershed Manager John McCoy reviewed problems with outflow flooding at Stevens Forest Pond. He shared options presented by Straughan Environmental (ATTACHMENT D). The Board requested a site visit of Stevens Forest Pond. Mr. McCoy agreed to the site visit and suggested a visit to Patriot Pond as well to help with visualization.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that Little Caesars would be relocating to Long Reach Village Center.

CCR Report

Ms. Thomas discussed the new CA board. She asked the Board and residents to share suggestions with her about how processes such as the budget could be improved.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported that rentals were busy. New event staff had been trained. The Village in Howard County would be using The Other Barn during the summer since a summer camp would need the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center. She thanked OMCA Events & Facility Coordinator Brigitta Warren for the recent Lively Arts outdoor concert, which more than fifty adults and children attended. CA was also refurbishing the benches in the courtyard.

Committee Reports

Public Space Committee

Mr. Wortman reported on the May 17th Public Space Committee meeting (ATTACHMENT E). He discussed e-scooters, the July 4th Fireworks bike corral, and Free Bikes 4 Kidz bike safety checks at the libraries.

Education Committee

Mr. Edelson reported on the education committee meeting, which had been held just prior to the board meeting. He discussed the continued need to speak on keeping OM schools in the HCPSS budget. The next school year, OMMS and SFES would be celebrating their 50th anniversaries, and funds would be needed for those celebrations. TSES still had availability in its buy-a-brick program for the new school. The education committee would be taking a break from meeting during the summer. Mr. Edelson would reach out to the education committee to see if it wanted to hold a school board candidates forum.

Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas expressed concern that HCPSS was not taking responsibility for its part in the stormwater drainage issue at Stevens Forest Pond.

Ms. Bryant gave an update on Yards Alive. The organization had toured the yards of seven houses and the OM Inner Faith Center. The Moongong Court cul-de-sac had been planted.

Mr. McCormack welcomed Mr. Rollerson to the Board. He said that he was often late to Board meetings because he was finishing up coaching a community youth sports team but that he tried to get to the Board meeting earlier when there was an early vote during the meeting.

Mr. McCormack motioned to go into closed session for consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

The closed session of the OMCA Board began at 8:35 p.m. and ended at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Edelson went into the regular open session of the OMCA Board at 8:43 p.m.

Upon return to open session, it was announced that during the closed session the Board voted to remove the flag on an annual charge and restore access to CA facilities and programs for a property brought back into compliance.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

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June 14, 2022

Link to YouTube recording of the June 14, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/LBk5jpTmgVg>

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 7:05 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair; Jerome Rollerson (arrived 7:30 p.m.); Warren Wortman; Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Rebecca Bryant

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Inner Arbor Trust President/CEO Nina Basu, Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the June 14, 2022 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded. After discussion, the amended agenda passed (3-0-0).

New Business

Inner Arbor Trust Presentation

Inner Arbor Trust President and CEO Nina Basu presented plans for Symphony Woods and The Chrysalis (ATTACHMENT B). A discussion ensued.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson discussed Little Caesar's move to the Long Reach Village Center, Cedar's divestment of its village center property, and village center leasing space.

CCR Report

Ms. Thomas stated that the CA board would vote on the FY22 cash reserves at the next CA board meeting. **Ms. Cederbaum** asked about the legality of including village grant funding revenue in the village cash reserve

calculation. **Mr. Edelson** also expressed his concern about the issue.

Ms. Thomas discussed changes to CA committees. She praised free events offered by the villages and CA. She asked that the Board start considering what it would like included in the CA budget and share with her its suggestions.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cederbaum shared the revised OM FY23 Budget (ATTACHMENT C). **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the revised budget. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

Ms. Cederbaum reported that the hybrid meeting system had been installed by OM's IT contractor, Robin Abello of Percworks. She acknowledged OM Property Concerns Covenant Advisor Karina Caico for resolving a number of covenant issues with properties. Rentals continued to be busy.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

Mr. Edelson said that Talbott Springs Elementary School had dismissed its last classes from its building that day. The new building would welcome classes in the fall. The Board of Education met the previous Thursday and announced administrative changes. All principals were staying in OM schools, though some assistant principals and other staff had been changed.

Mr. Edelson reported that the OMHS Boys and Girls Track Teams had won state championships. OMHS students had conducted a successful walkout, with permission of the principal, on National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 3rd). The OMHS track was being replaced, and the outdoor classroom was functioning, though the opening ceremony had to be cancelled due to weather.

Mr. Edelson discussed the recent redistricting feasibility study, which was favorable towards OM schools. Professional recommendations in the study included an addition to OMMS and added 400+ seats to OMHS in 2031.

Bulletin Board

Ms. Cederbaum shared a picture of the orange-lit *Celestial Serenade* sculpture (in front of the courtyard). The statute was illuminated in orange in recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 3rd.

Mr. Wortman said that he had attended a Howard County Bicycle Advisory Group meeting. They had discussed the new e-scooter program. Board members discussed a potential concern regarding scooters left on sidewalks and paths for several days without being collected by the e-scooter vendor.

Ms. Thomas motioned to go into closed session for consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

The closed session of the OMCA Board began at 8:27 p.m. and ended at 8:31 p.m.

Mr. Edelson went into the regular open session of the OMCA Board at 8:31 p.m.

Upon return to open session, it was announced that during the closed session the Board voted to remove the flag on an annual charge and restore access to CA facilities and programs for a property brought back into compliance.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

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Jerome Rollerson Acting Architecture Committee Chair;

Rebecca Bryant, Warren Wortman

Columbia Council Representative: Virginia (Ginny) Thomas

**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

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7:00 p.m.

Opening of meeting

Approve Minutes from May 24,2022 and June 14, 2022 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for June 14,2022 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.

NEW BUSINESS (35 min)

7:15 p.m.

"Howard County Library System Presents",

Brooke McCauley, Katie DiSalvo-Thronson, Suki Lee

Discussion of additional OMCA board members, Board discussion (15 min)

7:50 p.m.

OMCA Board Chair Report, Jonathan Edelson (10 min)

8:00 p.m.

Columbia Council Rep. Report, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)

Vice-Chair Columbia Association Board of Directors

8:10 p.m. **Village Manager Report**, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)
Financial and Operations Update

8:15 p.m. **Committee Reports (10 min)**
Public Space Committee, Warren Wortman, Chair
Architecture, Jerome Rollerson, Acting Chair
Education, Jonathan Edelson, Chair

8:20 p.m. **Board Bulletin Board** (5 min)

8:25 p.m. **Adjourn**



Oakland Mills Community Association
Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes
(ZOOM)

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Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Attendees:

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Mike Westendorf
- Bob Marietta
- Marc Klein

Discussion(s):

- The Spin e-scooter “litter” is being reported at Oakland Mills. The committee agrees scooters are good for Oakland Mills but the current implementation needs correction. Perhaps an “e-scooter day” can be arranged with Phillip Dodge of Downtown Columbia for Oakland Mills and/or Chris Eatough.
- Bike HoCo will hold future bike corrals at the 4th of July fireworks at the Columbia Lakefront and the OM Fall Festival on October 1st. Bike HoCo suggests people park at Oakland Mills or Wilde Lake and ride bikes or walk to the fireworks. No more volunteers are needed - good news. Online publicity has been great. HCC has generously offered to store the bike racks in their warehouse, starting on the 5th of July.
- A sidewalk will be laid on the east side of Mellenbrook Rd near MD 108, filling a missing segment of the pedestrian route to the crosswalk at the light. This is due to a [revised Howard County sidewalk policy](#).
- On July 13th, 6:00 pm, Howard County will hold an online meeting to discuss the street repaving and adding of bike lanes, including on Thunder Hill Rd. The Lightning View bike lane has still not been added and no repaving is scheduled.
- Oakland Mills Rd resurfacing project is beginning. Protected bike lanes will be added.

Future Events:

- **July 4th, 3-10 pm** [Bike Corral for Columbia Fireworks at the Lakefront](#), lower Whole Foods parking lot
- **July 13, 6:00 pm**, [Bike Howard Implementation Resurfacing Projects](#), online discussion, includes Thunder Hill Rd
- **Oct 1st, starting @ 9 am** Bike Corral for OM Fall Festival (FB4Ks as well)
- **Oct 19th, 10 am - 3 pm**, Bike Corral at HCC Sustainability Day

Next Meeting: August 16th - 7:00 pm - Zoom,

note: the July 19th meeting is canceled.