



Oakland Mills Community Association

Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~

Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Rebecca Bryant ~ Char Nado

Warren Wortman ~ Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative

July 11, 2023

Link to YouTube recording of the July 11, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/MwqhloYet4U>

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was hybrid and was held in-person at The Other Barn and virtually via Zoom.

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair (arrived 7:17 p.m.); Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Char Nado; Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; OM BWI Roundtable Representative Paul Verchinski; Columbia Association Aquatics Director for Communication Programs & Services Marty Oltmanns.

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the June 27, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Ms. Bryant** motioned to approve the July 11, 2023 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Flower vendor Frank Hazzard praised the Oakland Mills Farmers Market, which he was a vendor for. He said he was concerned about trash he had seen in the village center during the farmers market and suggested that more trash receptacles be distributed. **Mr. Edelson** explained that Klein Enterprises owned the village center property used for the farmers market and said that OMCA could reach out to the company to ask about additional trash receptacles as well as cleaning up the property.

New Business

CA Team Member Liaison Update

CA Aquatics Director for Community Programs and Services Marty Oltmanns introduced himself as CA's liaison to OMCA and presented an update on happenings at CA ATTACHMENT C).

Old Business

BWI Roundtable and FAA Issues Letter

Mr. Edelson reviewed with the Board a draft letter written to address airplane noise and flight path issues that would be submitted to the FAA's docket during a noise issues public comment period (ATTACHMENT D). The letter was based on recommendations from OM's BWI Roundtable Liaison, Paul Verchinski. A discussion ensued. **Mr. McCormack** motioned to go forward and submit the letter to the docket as edited. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Draft Exterior Alteration Application

Ms. Warren reported that more time was needed for input on the draft exterior alteration application. The Board agreed to table the discussion for the next OMCA Board meeting.

Oakland Mills High School/Oakland Mills Middle School New Start Times

Mr. Edelson reviewed the new school start times and traffic issues that the start times could create. He had received feedback from OMHS Principal Jeffrey Fink, the OMHS PTSA, and the OMMS PTSA. The Board discussed possible solutions. Mr. Edelson would draft a letter for the Board's review. Once reviewed by the Board, Ms. Warren would send the letter to Dr. Martirano and the Howard County Board of Education.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported on the unmowed hills behind OMHS/OMMS. He would be discussing the issue with OMMS Principal Regina Coleman.

CCR Report

Ms. Emery said the next CA board meeting would be July 13, during which the CA board would review the five-year strategic plan. The board would also be discussing the ethics panel. **Ms. Emery** reported that the CA board would be going on a stream restoration field trip to Reston, Virginia to learn about the process.

Village Manager's Report

Ms. Warren shared her report (ATTACHMENT E). OM Pool Party and Jazz in the Mills tickets were available on Eventbrite. Prepare for Success school supply donations were being accepted at The Other Barn during regular business hours. Ms. Warren would be working on a sign up for staff and board members who wished to volunteer for various organizations, including packing backpacks with school supplies.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Mr. Edelson reported that exterior alteration applications were going well.

Bulletin Board

Ms. Bryant said that Bike HoCo had been awarded a Howard County Innovation Grant and would be using the funds from the grant to install bike racks at Oakland Mills High School and Wilde Lake High School. Some of the bike racks would be covered and there would be bike maintenance stations at each location.

Mr. Edelson thanked Ms. Bryant and Mr. Wortman for the work on the successful Lakefront 4th of July Fireworks bike corral.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:17 p.m.
Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was hybrid and was held in-person at The Other Barn and virtually via Zoom.

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Char Nado (voted in as a new Board member during New Business); Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

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

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the June 13, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the June 27, 2023 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. McCormack** seconded. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to amend the agenda, and the agenda passed as amended (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Resident and Oakland Mills Local Leadership Team member Jeannine Andrews said that OMLLT would be holding a Hispanic movie night in the summer and asked for OMCA's partnership in finding a location for the event. **Mr. Edelson** discussed the process for requesting use of CA parking lots and said OMCA could help facilitate.

New Business

BWI Roundtable and FAA Issues Update

OM BWI Roundtable Representative Paul Verchinski summarized the history of issues with noise caused by flight paths over Columbia. He reported that the FAA was looking for comments on how to potentially change the flight paths (<https://www.faa.gov/noisepolicyreview>). The survey/comment period would

close July 31.

Mr. Verchinski also reported that Maryland state legislators had passed two bills recently amending the Maryland aviation commission. HB-204 would require “the Maryland Aviation Commission to consider certain types of impacts of decisions of the Commission or the Maryland Aviation Administration when carrying out certain provisions of law; [require] the Commission to consider information and advice from certain additional stakeholders; [require] that certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor be recommended by certain county Senate delegations; etc.” (bill synopsis). SB-160 would require “the Maryland Aviation Commission to consider information and advice from certain additional stakeholders when carrying out the Commission's duties; [require] the Commission to consider the aviation, economic, business, environmental, health, and community-related impacts or any other impacts the Commission finds relevant; [require] that certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor are to be recommended by the Anne Arundel County and Howard County Senate delegations; etc.” (bill synopsis).

Mr. Verchinski further reported that Next Gen flight path changes would be implemented in June 2024. He would put together thoughts for the Board to use as desired for testimony and other correspondence/possible advocacy.

OMCA RAC Update

Mr. Edelson discussed with the Board a proposed change in the signature fields on Exterior Alteration applications.

New Start Times at Oakland Mills High School and Middle School

Mr. Edelson shared that OMHS and OMMS would have the same start time in the upcoming school year, which could lead to traffic congestion. He suggested contacting the school system and Board of Education to propose changing the start times so they were at least ten minutes apart.

Introduction to Potential New Board Member

Mr. Edelson introduced potential new Board member Char Nado. After discussion, **Mr. McCormack** motioned to waive the Board’s New Business/Old Business standard on voting for this item of business. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0). **Mr. McCormack** nominated Char Nado to the vacant Board seat. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that Little Caesars had moved to Long Reach Village Center. El Gran Sabor would be moving into the former NYC Pizza location when it obtained licensing. The proposed 7-Eleven site was waiting for the County’s Zoning Board to take action. Ownership had changed to the 7-Eleven developer, and the company was now maintaining the lot.

CCR Report

Ms. Emery reported on CA’s extended Resident Speak-out on Downtown Columbia development. The CA board voted on its ethics policy. There would be a Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. presentation on the Lake Elkhorn Watershed stream restoration project at the July 27 CA board meeting.

Village Manager’s Report

Ms. Warren shared her report (ATTACHMENT C). Tickets were on sale for the September 17 Jazz in the Mills concert. Starting July 5, Oakland Mills would be collecting donations for the annual Prepare for Success school supplies drive. Mr. Edelson, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Carpenter visited Talbott Springs Elementary School to say goodbye to retiring TSES Principal Nancy Thompson and met the new

principal, Leslie Harmon. The Other Barn would be open July 3 but would be closed July 4 for the Independence holiday.

Committee Reports

Public Space Advisory Committee

Mr. Wortman shared his report (ATTACHMENT D). He discussed with the Board ideas for addressing the unmowed hill on Thunder Hill Road behind OMHS and OMMS. The BikeHoCo corral would be open for the Lakefront 4th of July Fireworks, and Ms. Bryant would be speaking at a press conference on the subject.

Mr. McCormack motioned to go into closed session at 9:09 p.m. to consult 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 9:10 p.m. and ended at 9:19 p.m. (ATTACHMENT E)

Mr. Edelson went into the regular open session of the OMCA Board at 9:19 p.m.

Upon return to open session, **Mr. Edelson** announced that the Board had removed property flags and restored CA facilities access to four properties.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson (Chair/Acting AC Chair), Bill McCormack Jr. (Vice-chair), Char Nado; Rebecca Bryant, Warren Wortman; **Columbia Council Representative:** Karin –

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

In-person at The Other Barn

5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD, 21045

OR Online via Zoom (participation not guaranteed due to possible tech issues):

Join Zoom Meeting

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Oakland Mills Board of Directors

7:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting (5 min)

- Approve Minutes from June 27, 2023 Board Meeting
- Approve Agenda for July 11, 2023 Board Meeting

Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair

7:05 p.m.

Resident Remarks (3 minutes per resident, 10 minutes)

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.

7:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Columbia Association Team Member Liaison Update, (10 min)**

Marty Oltmanns, CA Aquatics Director for Community Programs & Services

7:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bwi Roundtable and FAA issues Letter, Discussion and Vote (10 min)
- OMCA Exterior Alteration Application Draft, Discussion (10 min) Jonathan Edelson, Acting AC Chair
- Oakland Mills High/Middle School campus new start time, Discussion and Vote (15 min) Jonathan Edelson, Education Chair

7:45 p.m.	Board Chair Report (10 min)	Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair
7:55 p.m.	Columbia Council Rep Report (10 min)	Karin Emery, CCR Rep
8:05 p.m.	Village Manager Report (10 min)	Brigitta Warren, Village Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Update 	
8:15 p.m.	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture (5 min) 	Jonathan Edelson, Acting Chair
8:20 p.m.	Board Bulletin Board (5 min)	
8:25 p.m.	Adjourn	
Upcoming Events	Oakland Mills Community Pool Party	Mon., August 7 th , 6:30 p.m.

Oakland Mills Team Member Liaison

EXCITING WAYS WE ARE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Marty Oltmanns

- Team Member at CA for 26 years
- Aquatics Director for Community Programs & Services
- I have lived in 5 States, 1 US Territory, & England / Germany
- Wilde Lake High School
- Towson University
- Star Wars
- Lego's
- Walking Dog in EC, Columbia, Elkridge, & Patapsco State Park
- I commute to work by Bike while the weather is nice

Last Month at CA:

- Communications was front and center at the HCLS Get Involved Fair and Books in Bloom! We shared the many ways that the community can engage with CA on all different levels, particularly through the new "Engage" page that was just unveiled on CA's website. CA also moderated multiple author discussions at this important event that celebrates community and progressive ideas.
- The Marketing team has seen steady lead generation during this period, producing 1,462 membership leads for the sales team, resulting in 701 sales at a cost of \$42.00 (ad spend only) and \$84.79 (ad spend + personnel).
- CA was featured on WJZ and Fox45 for our partnership with Lakefest. Liz Henzey talked about the amazing umbrella exhibit that is hosted by the Columbia Art Center. This year, there are about 80 umbrellas from community organizations, residents, and more, all celebrating the theme of community, connection, and culture.
- Capital Improvements refurbished and replaced the swing at the Luck Penny tot lot (LR-01) in Long Reach.
- CA team members accepted The Arc of Howard County's Excellence in Community Award.

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Last Month at CA:



Gretchen
Conley
2nd Place
Viewer-Voting
Award



MacPOLARIS
Julie Henderson
1st Place
Viewer-Voting
Award



Worthington
SAC Program
3rd Place
Viewer-Voting
Award

Last Month at CA:

- The Marketing team worked with the Aquatics team on an improved user experience for Guests at the outdoor pools by creating a digital sign-in and waiver. Guests are also able to opt-in to receive further communications from CA, including membership and programmatic information.
- On May 13th, the Columbia Art Center hosted the 2023 Congressional Youth Art Competition in the Window Gallery. This year marks the 9th year Columbia Art Center has hosted the Competition. More than 75 people attended the event to view the 32 artwork pieces displayed for the reception and awards ceremony. Speakers and notables in attendance were Congressman John P. Sarbanes, Columbia Association Interim President Dennis Matthey, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball and Howard County Public Schools Superintendent Michael J. Martirano. More than 75 people attended the event. The top three juror winners will have their art displayed for one year in the Rotunda at the US Capitol, Congressman Sarbanes's Washington, DC office, and Congressman Sarbanes' Towson office.
- Community Operations completed the installation of five high-efficiency heat pumps at Historic Oakland, which will reduce energy consumption and operating costs, installed new shade structures at Huntington Pool, completed restroom improvements at Huntington and Locust Park Pools, and replaced the Tennis backboard at Vantage Park Tennis courts.

Last Month at CA:

- The first Lakefront Live headline event was held on May 18, 2023. New equipment was installed and is in use at the Lakefront Movie Nights.
- Land Administration staff met and coordinated with Howard County staff in order to exchange key datasets for assisting in the development of several different GIS layers to be used by the organization for asset management purposes.
- The Tennis and Pickleball Advisory Committee, along with the CA Racquetsports team, hosted the Summer Kick-Off Social and Awards evening at Owen Brown Tennis Club. The May 20th affair was well received, with approximately 100 community members in attendance. Play, socializing, and refreshments filled the evening.
- Also on May 20th, CA's Owen Brown Tennis Club played host to the Professional Pickleball Registry coaches certification workshop. 20 individuals from the region were present all afternoon to get their pickleball coaching certification.
- The Facility Services crew provided a great deal of support for Aquatics and Tennis to successfully open all pools and outdoor tennis courts on time for the season.
- On Tuesday, May 16, the CA Fitness Club teams supported Howard County General Hospital Wellness Day for hospital employees. The instructor team provided short stretching, Zumba, and Pilates sessions, and the Membership Team hosted an informational table.

Last Month at CA:

- Last month Supreme partnered with the Columbia Archives to display the “CA’s Community Operations: We Care For Columbia” display in the Main Lobby. The display celebrates all the hard work the Open Space crews do in a variety of areas in Columbia while exploring items found in the Columbia MD Archives collections.
- The installation of a 27kW solar panel fixture, which will generate power equivalent to the annual consumption of 3 average homes, has been completed at Supreme Sports Club.
- The ice rink staff hosted an event-packed weekend on May 19th, 20th, and 21st, with two major events going on. The Columbia Figure Skating Club had 4 sold-out performances of their spring show "Skating Through Broadway" in the afternoon and evening of both Saturday and Sunday. A wonderful theatrical performance was displayed by 300 skaters, including 50 new skaters from the ice rink's Learn To Skate program.
- The SportsPark Midnight Mini Golf Event on June 9th sold out. This is an event that the over-21 community has embraced, and the SportsPark team goes above the customer service level to keep improving the success of the event.

Next Month at CA:

- The Communications team is working with Community Operations and the county to put on this year's July 4th festivities at the Lakefront, including the return of the crowd favorite, "Find Chompers" game.
- Communications looks forward to releasing this year's Annual Report, which showcases a number of major accomplishments for CA's team over the past year.
- We are launching a new major email newsletter called Be Well with CA - a companion piece to the popular Do More with CA, in close partnership and collaboration with Tavia Patusky, Wellness Director.
- The Marketing team is working with OpenSpace to create an interactive guide to navigate the 4th of July at the Lakefront — it will include multiple interactive maps with travel and parking info, food vendors and locations, CA tabling, performer details, etc. The event and this guide will be promoted via Do More, facility message boards, and digital screens as a key event in the Lakefront Live series.
- Columbia MD Archives (CMA) is excited to host the second annual CMA Summer Field School, which is a partnership with Howard Community College (HCC) History Department, from June 19th-30th. There will be 5 HCC students participating this year. The students will be creating an exhibit specifically using the collection RGV Miscellaneous Organizations that will be installed at the Academic Commons building at HCC. Through this process, they will learn about the history of Columbia, archival research, curation, and public history.

Next Month at CA:

- Capital Improvements will replace the Open Sky tot lot (WL-11) in Wilde Lake, finish fixture and finish upgrades in the lower level restrooms at Stonehouse, and replace the coffee station at Supreme Sports Club.
- The Bioretention facilities below Bird Song Pass in Hickory Ridge and Longfellow Elementary in Harper's Choice will be built.
- The HR team has scheduled manager refresher training (focusing on Dayforce processes) during the month of June.
- Preparations for Artfest and the 4th of July are well underway. Open Space is also performing maintenance on several monumental signs, including pressure washing and painting, and continuing to collect GIS data to show assets in Open Space.
- Staff will finalize the development of a GIS storymap to be published and dispersed to the public as an informational resource for CA's July 4th Festivities at the Lakefront.
- Columbia Association Art Center will host the 2023 Umbrella Theme Show at Columbia Festival of the Arts Lakefest, June 16-18, 2023, at Lake Kittamaqundi. 80 umbrellas will be on exhibit along the lake near the boat dock. The 2023 theme is The 3Cs: Community, Connections, and Cultural. In addition to local artists, individuals, and families, a number of organizations and villages are participating. Vote for your favorite. Each umbrella includes the letter C in it.

Next Month at CA:

- Long Reach Tennis Club will be hosting a unique grassroots campaign on June 25th called "Try Tennis and Pickleball Day" to attract new players to both sports. A total of 96 players will have the opportunity to try their hand at these court sports over the course of the day.
- CA has been invited to provide insights on its work reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption by developing an educational session for the US Green Building Council's annual conference in Washington, DC, in September.
- Starting June 26, the Fitness Training and Group Fitness Teams will be featured on Monday evenings at the Chrysalis as part of Inner Arbor Trust's summer programming. CA will offer yoga on the first and third Mondays and an all-levels boot camp on the second and fourth Monday through mid-Fall.
- Supreme Sports Club is partnering with the Teen Center to host the annual Middle School Year End Take Over. This popular event reaches capacity each year and features a combination of roller skating and teen-friendly activities.

Challenges CA is Addressing:

- Staffing continues to be a challenge across the organization. This is particularly true in the areas that require specialized skills/certifications, such as the School Age Services program, tennis, personal training, and the skilled trades.
- Cost increases continue to be a challenge in the organization for third-party vendors, contractors, supplies, contracts, and materials.

Points of Pride:

- The summer is a particularly busy time for the CA Communications team, and we continue to not only show up in intentional ways but also refine messaging, support other teams, and move forward with more effective content creation throughout the organization.
- Community Operations was notified of rotted beams in the Wilde Lake Barn a week before camp was going to start using it. We were able to get a structural engineer and contractor out to assess and complete the recommended repairs to make it safe for summer camps.
- The Customer Care team, led by Jenn Wilkie and Veronica Joy, coordinated a CA Points Festival on Thursday, May 25, at the Columbia SportsPark for CA Points students who earned a membership this school year along with their families. The event included inflatables, food, art projects, caricature artists, community partners, and more, with almost 1,000 attendees taking part.
- The Youth and Teen Center and the Racquet Sports team collaborated to deliver an intro to tennis program for underserved youth in the community. The goal of the program is to enhance accessibility to the sport. The program is held at the Youth and Teen Center weekly on Thursdays from 3-4pm with approximately 15-18 kids taking advantage of the program each week.
- The Open Space team continues to improve efficiency throughout the organization by focusing on process management and developing the tools necessary to manage the open space lands we hold in trust actively.

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Questions?:





Docket No. FAA-2023-0855

Request for comments on the Federal Aviation Administration's Review of the Civil Aviation Policy (Policy)

From; Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA)
Jonathan Edelson, Chair, Board of Directors
The Other Barn
5851 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, Maryland 21045

BACKGROUND

Oakland Mills is one of ten villages in the Master Planned community of Columbia, MD. It has approximately 3,400 housing units that include single family, multifamily, and apartments and about 10,000 residents. Since 2016 with the start of implementation of NextGen Performance Based Navigation (PBN), OM has experienced increased overflights from the Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) and noise from aircraft. Seventy percent of all departures from BWI are made from Runway 28. Airplanes come directly over OM, its village center, Oakland Mills High School, Oakland Mills Middle School, and Talbott Springs and Stevens Forest Elementary Schools. OM's boundaries are approximately seven to eight nautical miles from the end of Runway 28. Noise contours show impacts of 55 to 60 DNL from these overflights. Until 2016, airplane noise from BWI airplane departures was not an issue since airplanes were vectored and dispersed over a wide area. Now with PBN, airplane noise is concentrated in a narrow corridor with high frequency departures over a 24 hour and 365 day annual period. We refer to this corridor as the "FAA Interstate Highway in the Sky." Unfortunately, noise barriers commonly installed along highways to temper noise cannot be installed in the sky.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMENTS RELATING TO QUESTIONS

While we appreciate the ability to comment, it is unrealistic for the FAA to expect OM to give detailed comments using your Appendices, etc. as the basis for our comments/recommendations. The OM is a volunteer organization and not a research organization. We, therefore, will selectively comment:

1. (Question 6.a) BWI was once known as Friendship Airport and had a fairly low level of annual aircraft operations. Southwest Airlines now uses BWI as a hub which is vastly different from point to point aircraft routes utilized by airlines until deregulation. Communities in Howard County mobilized to oppose PBN. Lawsuits were filed but proper notice was given of the proposed PBN changes. The next question became how to effect changes to PBN already approved? The FAA instructed us and other affected communities around BWI to form a "Roundtable" as a focal point for communities affected by PBN. We understand that the FAA will not participate in airplane community issues unless a

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“Roundtable” is formed with appropriate community representation. However, there is nothing in the FAA statute, regulations, etc. that requires a “Roundtable.” **We recommend for better community communications that the FAA in its next reauthorization include the formation of Roundtables as the voice for communities affected by airplane operations seeking PBN and other changes. This is a potential improvement in how, where, and with whom the FAA communicates.**

2. (Question 7.e) The FAA references as a metric and a reason for PBN (Footnote 49, page 22, dated April 28, 2023 – “The Foundational Elements of the Federal Aviation Administration Civil Aviation Noise Policy ” (FOUNDATION) that in the 1970’s over 7 million persons were affected by “significant noise exposure” and it is now reduced to 400,000 today. While fewer may be affected utilizing the 65 DNL cutoff, many more are affected when repetitive noise is factored into a PBN route that is fixed. In conversations with FAA representatives, none of your models for noise contour impacts has ever been validated. It is strictly a model. No one can say that these models actually reflect reality. They need to be validated. This is basic Modeling 101. **We recommend where there are community issues with aircraft noise that noise monitors are deployed acceptable to the FAA to validate the scope/noise contours of the noise problem. This could be done by regulation since the FAA already uses these models.**

3. (Question 10) This Policy is prospective and not retroactive if and when it is adopted. Local land use decisions were made anticipating that uses would be compatible over the next 50+ years (since the 1970’s). Daily US aircraft operations are now reaching 2.8 million. It is expected to increase exponentially over the next decade, particularly at hub airports like BWI (An additional runway is proposed in the BWI Master Plan). This Policy should also address land areas such as ours that are impacted and will continue to be impacted by increased flight operations. It is disingenuous to say that airports are responsible for increased flight operations and not the FAA. The FAA is facilitating more flight operations through changes such as NextGen. Additionally, drones, flying cars, etc. are proposed to use the National Air Space. With the FAA approving these new uses, this will again add to negative impacts on areas such as ours. The tendency will be to place the noise and overflights from drones and flying cars into existing areas such as ours so as to not rock the boat from potential complaints from newly impacted areas.

4. (Questions 3-5) deals with the existing calculation of DNL and whether it should be changed as the determining metric for NEPA. Our experience is that this metric over simplifies noise doses with the changes made by NextGen as there is no consideration of flight operations frequency. Averages are very misleading and using a typical day out of an averaged year makes the metric very questionable. It is like the frog half in and out of the boiling pot, on average, the frog is fine. The same occurs with the inclusion of night time operations in the 24

hour averaging to determine the DNL. Even with the penalty for night time operations, the true DNL is masked because so many night time hours with zero or few flights are averaged in a year. We suggest that there be a separate alternative day and night time metric. (“An alternative metric is a noise metric that is used in lieu of another metric, such as DNL, for decision making.”) Day should be defined as between the hours of 7 AM and 10PM. Night as between the hours of 10PM and 7AM. Sleep disruption is a big issue and health studies show that aircraft noise disruption leads to high blood pressure, susceptibility to strokes, etc. Another potential alternative metric is to provide the times for peak operations and provide a metric for those hours. Aircraft pulse arrivals and departures and those times are particularly an issue for an area with large numbers of overflights. We suggest that the Aviation Cooperative Research Program at the National Academy of Sciences explore these and other options/alternative metrics.

We suggest that the threshold for NEPA should be reduced to 55 DNL if only one alternative metric is used in the future. Reduction to 55 would recognize that most areas around airports are now built up and that local land use options have in many cases been already made and implemented. This is not a perfect solution since the same areas will still be impacted by NextGen, airport expansions, and increased flight operations. Mitigating measures such as increased insulation and triple pane windows can help dampen aircraft noise in residences but can not help with outside noise and the loss of use of outdoor space such as decks and screened in porches. Our residents cannot hear each other speaking outdoors when overflights occur.

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**Manager's Report
Oakland Mills Community Association
July 11, 2023**

Event Update:

- We will be at Stevens Forest Pool for August 7, 2023 Community Pool Party. The party will be free, but everyone must have a ticket. Online tickets are now available on Eventbrite. There will be a DJ and Rita's Ice.
- Jazz in the Mills, An Evening with David Cole and the Blues, will be held on September 17th at The Other Barn. Tickets are on sale now at The Other Barn on online at Eventbrite. All tickets must be purchased in advance.
- The Prepare for Success school supplies drive has begun. There is a box for collections in the lobby of The Other Barn.
- Welcome New Resident/Open House at The Other Barn in September. Amy and I are working on putting together.
- Festival Vendor applications will be available beginning the end of July.

Misc.

- Have started the process for new telephone system from ACC Telecom. Will keep you updated.