



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

April 9, 2024

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Link to YouTube recording of the April 9, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/jopMFwfqVuE?si=XPghyMytfe16FDpt>

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 Jr., Vice-chair (arrived 7:05 p.m.); Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant (7:07 p.m.); Andrew Fried (voted in during the meeting); Char Nado; Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Events and Administrative Coordinator.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: OMCA Covenant Advisor Michael Vaughan; Shadow Oaks Condominium Association Representative Frank Standafer; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston.

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the March 26, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the agenda was approved (4-0-0).

New Business

Shadow Oaks Presentation to Begin NRAAC Process

Mr. Edelson explained the NRAAC application process. Tonight's presentation was a preliminary step toward completing the application. Mr. Frank Standafer (representative of Shadow Oaks Condominium Association) and OMCA Covenant Advisor Michael Vaughan presented changes to the property that included new fencing (ATTACHMENT C). A discussion ensued. The presentation would be posted three weeks for public comment.

Old Business

Early Appointment of New 2024-25 OMCA Board Member-Elect

After discussion, **Mr. McCormack** motioned to appoint Andrew Fried a member of the OMCA Board. **Ms. Bryant** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

OMCA FY25 Budget

Ms. Warren presented the revised OMCA FY25 Budget (ATTACHMENT D). **Ms. Bryant** motioned to approve the budget as submitted. **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (6-0-0).

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported on continued issues with commercial parking on residential streets. He also spoke about the need to bring community policing back. He suggested that the next OMCA Board might give feedback to the County about how the program's loss had affected the village. **Ms. Warren** said the village managers sent a letter to the County in the fall about the loss of community policing. **Ms. Alston** gave an update on reports to HCPD about commercial vehicles on residential roads and that a plan was being made for future HCPD/County response.

CCR Report

Ms. Emery gave an update on the new CA President/CEO search, her proposed changes to the CA easement policy, and the CA strategic plan update process.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Warren shared her report (ATTACHMENT E). A new weekend facility assistant had been hired, and Ms. Warren attended a special stakeholder meeting regarding the search for a new HCPSS superintendent. The SFES PTA was cleaning up its pollinator garden and asking for help with the planting. **Ms. Warren** suggested a few resources, including Yards Alive.

Committees

Housing

Mr. McCormack reported that House Bill 280/Senate Bill 440 had passed the Maryland House and Senate and was awaiting the governor's signature. The legislation would authorize the County to use property taxes to establish a fund to help with HOA/condominium association infrastructure improvements. **Mr. McCormack** and others had been advocating to get the bill passed so that HOAs could conduct necessary repairs to their private roadways. **Mr. McCormack** and others would be working with the County to set up a grant system for infrastructure improvements.

Open Space

Mr. McCormack reported that CA staff had presented the cluster play area policy and program guidance to the CA board, and it was well received. He hoped that the CA board would incorporate the policy/guidance into the strategic plan for the play areas. He also hoped that the same process used to establish the policy would be used for all CA open space. He thanked residents who helped with the program's work group, as well as Ms. Bryant and Ms. Emery for their work on the project.

Bulletin Board

Mr. Edelson spoke about scholarships offered by OMHS organizations.

Ms. Emery said there would be an OM Traffic Safety meeting on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at The Other Barn and on Zoom.

Ms. Nado said Howard Community College would be hosting Greenfest and Vino Scholastico.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant