



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 ~ Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair ~
Paulette Pettiford-Thomas ~ Warren Wortman
Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative

May 21, 2024

Due to the canceled Board meeting on April 23, 2024, the Board agreed to vote on the April 9, 2024 Board meeting minutes by email on April 24, 2024. Board members participating in the vote were Jonathan Edelson, Andrew Mark Fried, Bill McCormack, Rebecca Bryant, and Warren Wortman. The final vote to approve the minutes was 5-0-0.

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 May 21, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://youtu.be/Mw6tXH3Vpb4>

Ms. Warren called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson; Bill McCormack; Andrew Mark Fried; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Paulette Pettiford-Thomas; Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Oakland Mills Election Monitor Committee Member Ginny Thomas; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Ms. Warren called for nominations for the election of a new Board Chair.

Mr. McCormack nominated Mr. Edelson as the 2024-25 OMCA Board Chair. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and Mr. Edelson's nomination was approved (5-0-0).

Mr. Edelson assumed leadership of the meeting.

Ms. Emery nominated Mr. McCormack as the 2024-25 OMCA Board Vice-chair. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and Mr. McCormack's nomination was approved (5-0-0).

Mr. Edelson resumed the regular order of business.

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the May 21, 2024 OMCA Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. McCormack** seconded. **Mr. McCormack** asked to amend the agenda to include the proper dates, and the agenda was approved as amended (5-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Yards Alive member Pat Gilreath spoke in support of continuing the cul-de-sac beautification program.

Resident John DiTomasso spoke about the County Housing Commission and the expiration of the ten-year waiting period on the financing of The Verona. The expiration meant the Housing Commission could begin modifying financing and potentially starting major improvements or changes. He also suggested ways to involve more residents in OMCA committees. **Mr. Edelson** and **Mr. McCormack** responded about resident involvement in the Education and Housing committees. They would put something out to invite residents to get involved. **Mr. McCormack** also said he would follow up with Housing Commission Executive Director Peter Engel about The Verona.

New Business

Validation of 2024 OMCA Election Results

Election Monitor Committee Member Ginny Thomas presented the election results. The Oakland Mills Board election was non-contested, and all candidates were deemed elected—Jonathan Edelson, Andrew Mark Fried, Bill McCormack, Paulette Pettiford-Thomas, and Warren Wortman. The Oakland Mills Columbia Council Representative contest was also uncontested, and candidate Karin Emery was deemed elected. **Mr. Fried** motioned to validate the results of the OMCA 2024 elections. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Board Action Items

Call for Nominations for Architectural Committee

- **Mr. McCormack** nominated Mr. Fried as Architectural Committee Chair. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** nominated himself, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Fried, Ms. Pettiford-Thomas, and Mr. Wortman to the Oakland Mills Architectural Committee. **Ms. Emery** seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** called for the names of four Board members to be sent to Columbia Association for CA's approval to sit on the OMCA Architectural Committee as CA's appointed members. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to send Mr. Fried, Mr. Edelson, Mr. McCormack, and Ms. Pettiford-Thomas's names to CA for approval. **Ms. Emery** seconded, the motion was approved (5-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to appoint Miquel Antwon, Lynn Engelke, Susan Lynn, Carl McKinney, and David Smith as Residential Architecture Committee (RAC) members. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to appoint Phil Engelke, David Smith, Valerie Smith, and Jervis Dorton as Non-residential Architectural Advisory Committee (NRAAC) members. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Village Manager Appointment

Mr. Edelson motioned to appoint Ms. Warren to continue as village manager of Oakland Mills. **Ms. Emery** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Committee Chairs and Liaisons Appointments

- **Mr. McCormack** nominated Mr. Edelson as Chair of the OMCA Education Committee. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).
- **Ms. Emery** nominated Mr. McCormack as Chair of the OMCA Housing Committee. **Mr.**

Edelson seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).

- **Mr. McCormack** nominated Mr. Wortman as Chair of the OMCA Public Space Advisory Committee. **Mr. Edelson** seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** nominated Mr. McCormack Chair of the OMCA Open Space Advisory Committee. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).
- **Mr. Edelson** nominated Paul Verchinski as OMCA's BWI Roundtable Liaison. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the nomination was approved (5-0-0).

CA Advisory Committee Representative Appointments

- **Mr. Edelson** motioned to send Ginny Thomas's name to CA as OM's CA Senior Advisory Committee representative. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to send Bob Berlett's name to CA as OM's CA Tennis Advisory Committee representative. **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Cul-de-sac Beautification

Mr. McCormack motioned to contribute \$1500 to cul-de-sac beautification for up to 20 cul-de-sacs in a amount not to exceed \$75 per street. **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Block Parties

Mr. McCormack motioned to contribute \$1125 total for block parties, with \$25/for up to 15 streets with 12 or less homes; \$50 for up to 15 streets with 13 or more homes or a combination of streets with 13 or more homes. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Village Manager's Report

Ms. Warren said she would be sending forms to Board members to sign.

Bulletin Board

Mr. Edelson discussed debris from broken light poles and signs at the Stevens Forest village sign on Broken Land Parkway and Stevens Forest Road. Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston said she would follow up on the issue and that it might be BGE's work, which was currently backlogged.

Ms. Emery said the new CA President/CEO, Shawn MacInnes, would begin his position on June 17th, but he would be attending the June 6th CA Board Operations Committee meeting. **Ms. Emery** also said she would be serving on the CA Audit Committee.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Andrew Mark Fried, Bill McCormack Jr, Paulette Pettiford-Thomas, Warren Wortman; **Columbia Council Representative:** Karin Emery

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82741864553>

Meeting ID: 827 4186 4553

Dial by your location

++1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 827 4186 4553

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/koA9IEbZg>

Oakland Mills Board of Directors

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| 7:00 p.m. | <p>Opening of Meeting (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Manager calls for election of new Board Officers: • Board Chair Nominations, Discussion, and Vote • Board Vice-Chair Nominations, Discussion, and Vote | Brigitta Warren, Village Manager |
| 7:05 p.m. | <p>Resume Regular Order of Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Agenda for May 21, 2024 Board Meeting | |
| 7:10 p.m. | <p>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.</p> | |
| 7:20 p.m. | <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of the 2023 Oakland Mills Election Results (5 min) | EMC Monitor Committee Member |

7:25 p.m.

Board Action Items (30 min)

- **Architecture Committee Chair Nominations & Vote**
- **Appoint members to Architecture Committee**—*Usually all Board members are appointed to this committee*
- **Appoint four (4) OMCA Board members**—*to be sent to Columbia Association for CA's approval to sit on OMCA AC as Columbia Association's appointed members.*
- **Appoint 2023-2024 Resident Architecture Committee (RAC)**—*as recommended by the Village Manager*
Appoint 2019-2020 Non-Resident Architecture Advisory Committee (NRAAC)—*as recommend by the Village Manager*
- **Appoint Village Manager—Per OMCA By-Laws, Article VI, Officers, Sec. 4.02**
Section 4.02. Manager. The Board of Directors shall in each year elect one person (who need not be a member of the Association) to serve as the Manager of the Association. The Manager of the Association shall, ex officio, be the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Association. The Manager shall provide liaison between CPRA and the Association and shall generally advise the Association in the conduct and operation of its affairs. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, the Manager shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors at which he shall be present; he shall have generally charge and supervision of the business of the Association; he may sign and execute, bonds, contracts or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the Association; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a City Manager with regard to the Village of Oakland Mills, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.
- **Appoint Chairs, Liaisons and Representatives to current OMCA Standing Committees:**

Education Chair

Housing Chair

Safety & Security Committee Liaison and Chair(s) if board so choses

**Public Space Advisory Committee Chair
Open Space Advisory Committee Chair(s)**

BWI Roundtable Liaison, Paul Verchinski

**Appointment of CA Advisory Committee
Representatives:**

Aging Well Columbia Advocacy Committee,
Ginny Thomas

Tennis Advisory Committee, Bob Berlett

Watershed Advisory Committee – seat open
(WAC is appointed by CA, no new or re-
appointment necessary)

- **Cul De Sac Beautification: Vote to contribute \$1,500 to cul-de-sac beautification** for up to 20 cul-de-sacs in an amount not to exceed \$75 per street
- **Block Parties: Vote to contribute \$1125 for block parties** for \$25/for up to 15 streets with 12 or less homes; \$50 for up to 15 streets with 13 or more homes or a combination of streets with 13 or more homes.

7:45 p.m.

Village Manager, (5 min)

- Distribute Board forms to sign (Will send PDF requesting signature).

Brigitta Warren, Village
Manager

8:05 p.m.

Board Bulletin Board

8:10 p.m.

Adjourn

Upcoming Events

Jazz in the Mills Presents Alison Crockett

Sun., June 23rd, 5pm-
7:30pm