



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 28, 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 May 28, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting:

https://youtu.be/T1p_uknFIN8

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

Absent: Brigitta Warren

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the May 21, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the May 28, 2024 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the agenda was approved (5-0-0).

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that BGE did not have correct information on poles missing at the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land Parkway. Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston said she would inform the County's contact for BGE.

Mr. Edelson said that sidewalk detour signs for the 7-Eleven construction site were placed incorrectly. Ms. Alston would also follow up on the signs.

The July 9 Board meeting would be canceled due to summer travel schedules.

CCR Report

Ms. Emery reported that the CA board was holding off on the new strategic plan until new CA CEO/President Shawn MacInnes began his tenure.

Ms. Emery reminded the Board of the reception for village managers and board chairs on June 20.

Village Manager Report

See the Village Manager's report (ATTACHMENT C).

Committee Reports

Architecture

Mr. Edelson would continue to sign outstanding applications as the AC chair position transitioned to Mr. Fried.

Education

Mr. Edelson reported on the Stevens Forest Elementary School community schools program. He attended a steering committee meeting and gave input as a community member. SFES would continue to maintain its status as a community school into the next school year.

OMHS would be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 7-8, and the Fine Arts Boosters and Cross Country teams would be involved in the 5K run that was part of the celebration.

OMMS band, orchestra, and choir all placed first place at Music in the Parks at Hersheypark. At the OMMS spring concert at OMHS, Senator Clarence Lan and Delegate Jessica Feldmark surprised the music groups with a proclamation from the General Assembly commemorating their sweep.

Public Space

Mr. Wortman reported that the light on Log Chain had been moved, and the corner was safe now. The South Entrance trail that would connect the Downtown Columbia Lakefront to Oakland Mills Road under Highway 29 would be designed in 2025. As a part of the trail, a bike path or lane would be added on Stevens Forest Road leading up from Broken Land Parkway to Parallel Lane. The crosswalk at Route 108 and Red Branch Road was scheduled to be installed in 2025.

The Board discussed parking issues at Blandair Park.

The County had committed to install lights and a pedestrian crossing at Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land Parkway.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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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.

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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 28, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting **In-person at The Other Barn**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496349120>

Meeting ID: 854 9634 9120

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Oakland Mills Board of Directors

7:00 p.m.	<p>Opening of Meeting (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Minutes from May 21, 2024 Board Meeting • Approve Agenda for May 28, 2024 Board Meeting 	Jonathan Edelson., Board Chair
7:05 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>	
7:15 p.m.	Board Chair Report, (10 min)	Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair
7:25 p.m.	Columbia Council Rep Report (10 min)	Karin Emery, CCR Rep
7:35 p.m.	<p>Committee Reports (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture, (5 min) • Education, (5 min) • Public Space (5 min) 	Jonathan Edelson, Chair Jonathan Edelson, Chair Warren Wortman, Chair

7:50 p.m.

Board Bulletin Board

7:55 p.m.

Adjourn

Upcoming Events

Jazz in the Mills Presents Alison Crockett

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

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Financial:

- Debbi Herman, our accountant, will be in this week to review OMCA's FY24 4th Quarter Financials and I should have them for the Board to review for the first meeting in June.

Event Update:

- Tickets are on sale now for the June 23rd Jazz in the Mills Concert featuring Alison Crockett. Tickets are on sale at The Other Barn and online at Eventbrite.
- Amy is working on the Fall Festival entertainment and our Lively Arts performances for the 2024-2025 season.
- We will be at Stevens Forest Pool for August 5, 2024 Community Pool Party. More information to follow regarding when tickets are available.

Misc.

- Had many requests for Cul de sac and Block party funds. Have started a list and will be reimbursing as receipts are received.
- Working on details of Staff/Board picnic with Amy and Ashleigh to be held June 9th. If you have not RSVP'd, please do so by the end of this week.
- Participating in Prepare for Success school supplies drive again. Ashleigh has reached out to get information about how our community, Board and staff can participate.
- Events are going fine. Have a pretty steady schedule through November.
- Participated in the Iron Chef competition over at the Teen Center on Friday as a judge.