



# 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

**January 28, 2025**

### 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 January 28, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting:**

<https://youtu.be/vJ-snCTHwk8>

**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair; Paulette Pettiford-Thomas; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Warren Wortman

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** Howard County Executive's Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston.

### Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the January 14, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Emery** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the January 28, 2025 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Emery** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

### Board Chair Report

**Mr. Edelson** reported that 7-Eleven had a soft opening, and the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony would take place on January 30. There was no update on the Management Contract.

### CCR Report

**Ms. Emery** reported on CA's draft budget, which did not include free pools for residents. She said CA's new strategic plan had a good framework but lacked vision. The CA Board adopted the strategic plan with the caveat that every year the board would vote on specific goals.

## **Village Manager Report**

**Ms. Warren** shared her update on village operations (ATTACHMENT C). CA would be meeting with the village managers the next day about facilities usage.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Education***

**Mr. Edelson** reported that he had sent an email to the community regarding HCPSS's capital budget prioritization process and that a survey on the process would be open until February 12.

### ***Tenant Committee***

**Ms. Pettiford-Thomas** reported that two women had fallen at Columbia Pointe because of icy sidewalks. She also reported that subpoenas sent to Columbia Pointe management and/or owners had been returned and that the courts could not locate a working address.

The Board discussed clearing snow and ice from pedestrian islands, sidewalks, and curb cuts (including tactile pavers), especially in school zones. Howard County Executive's Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia said she would follow up about the County's part in clearing them. CA and residents whose property was adjacent to public sidewalks were also responsible for clearing them.

## **Bulletin Board**

**Mr. Edelson** said OMHS was hosting the HCPSS dance festival the following Saturday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and that tickets were available online.

**Mr. Edelson** adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair; Warren Wortman; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Paulette Pettiford-Thomas

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** Paul Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President, Director of Engineering and Construction at Fisher, Collins & Carter; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

### Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Fried** motioned to approve the December 10, 2024 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the January 14, 2025 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

### New Business

#### *Update on Proposed Oakland Mills Middle School Renovations*

Paul Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President, Director of Engineering and Construction at Fisher, Collins & Carter gave a presentation on proposed renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School (ATTACHMENT C).

### Board Chair Report

**Mr. Edelson** reported that Hip Hop Fish & Chicken was open, and 7-Eleven would have a soft opening the following week, with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 30.

**Mr. Edelson** gave an update on the board chairs' part in the Management Contract.

### **CCR Report**

**Ms. Emery** reported on her efforts to reduce Play memberships to zero and other budget issues. No increase to the annual assessment charge had been made.

### **Village Manager Report**

**Ms. Warren** shared her update on village operations (ATTACHMENT D).

### **Bulletin Board**

**Ms. Carpenter** said a village event coordinators meetings had been held that day. Villages continued to have difficulties with funding and finding volunteers for events.

**Mr. Edelson** said ice continued to accumulate in the Stevens Forest Road roundabout and that drivers should use caution. During HCPSS Superintendent Bill Barnes's operations budget presentation, he emphasized the need for funding for deferred maintenance, though it was a capital budget issue. The WBAL Radio Concert for Kids, held at OMHS with OMHS performances, raised \$7000.

**Mr. Wortman** said that a water main break on Patriot Lane had made the area very icy. Howard County's Transportation Open House would be held on January 30 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There would be presentations on the Mellenbrook sidewalk, the MD 108 share use pathway near Red Branch Road, and the South Entrance Trail.

**Mr. McCormack** motioned to go into closed session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to employees and personnel and for consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation. **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

The closed session of the OMCA Board (ATTACHMENT E) began at 8:28 p.m. and ended at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Edelson went into the regular open session of the OMCA Board at 8:50 p.m.

Upon return to open session, it was announced that during the closed session the Board agreed to request that CA remove a flag from a property and also set the village manager's salary for 2025.

**Mr. Edelson** adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



## Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**Board Members:** Jonathan Edelson (Chair), Bill McCormack Jr (Vice-Chair), Andrew Mark Fried (AC Chair), Paulette Pettiford-Thomas, Warren Wortman; **Columbia Council**

**Representative:** Karin Emery

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**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/85496349120>

Meeting ID: 854 9634 9120

Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 854 9634 9120

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

## Oakland Mills Board of Directors

<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting (5 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Minutes from January 14, 2025 Board Meeting</li> <li>• Approve Agenda for January 28, 2025 Board Meeting</li> </ul>	Jonathan Edelson, Chair
<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Resident Remarks (3 minutes per resident, 10 minutes)</b> 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.	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Board Chair Report (10 min)</b>	Jonathan Edelson, Chair
<b>7:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Columbia Council Rep Report (10 min)</b>	Karin Emery, CCR Rep
<b>7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Village Manager Report (10 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations Update</li> </ul>	Brigitta Warren, Village Manager
<b>7:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Committee Reports (20 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Architecture</b>, (5 min)</li> <li>• <b>Education</b> (5 min)</li> </ul>	Andrew Fried, Chair Jonathan Edelson, Chair

- **Public Space** (5 min)
- **Tenant Committee** (5 min)

Warren Wortman, Chair  
Paulette Pettiford Thomas,  
Chair

**8:05 p.m.**

**Board Bulletin Board**

**8:10 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

**Upcoming Events**

Jazz in the Mills Presents the Antonio Parker Group

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm  
to 7:30 pm

Lively Arts for Little Ones Presents Tony M Music

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30  
am

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**Manager's Report  
Oakland Mills Community Association  
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**2025 Elections**

- The EMC is scheduled to meet on January 30<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Election season.
- Election Information is up on the Oakland Mills website and a community email went out on Monday with Election 2025 Information.
- As a first reminder, all current Board members must resubmit a candidate application if they are interested in serving on the 2025-2026 OMCA Village Board or as the 2025-2026 CA Board Representative.

**Event Update:**

- OMCA will be hosting a CPR/Narcan Training on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Lively Arts for Little Ones is scheduled for Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am with Tony M Music.
- The first Jazz in the Mills 2025 show is the Antonio Paker Group will be held on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are currently on sale online and at The Other Barn.

**Misc.**

- The Village Manager Representatives met with the CA representatives today, 1/28. The Village Managers are meeting with the CA team tomorrow to discuss facilities usage and other items relating to facilities.
- The 7-11 Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Each Board member should have received a personal invite by email. The full Grand Opening with a variety of special activities will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 6 pm.
- A new company has purchased Columbia Pointe, ROSS Companies. The Covenant Team and I met with them this afternoon.