

Minutes of ONDNA meeting of May 11, 2023

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Board Members Present: John Meyer, Marnelle Gleason, Angela Willson, Gerrit Mulholland, Melody Boyer.

Unable to Attend: Dave DeYoung, Tony Martin

Others Present: Elma Gardner, Jennifer Figueroa, Lou Fox, Bart Weimer

Minutes: The minutes of April 13, 2023 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: No changes.

Police Department Community Advisory Board and Human Relations Commission: Angela Willson reported the police provided updated information on the stabbings that occurred in Davis. The police department noted that community support was outstanding regarding the incidents. Police staff do have mental health support available for them if needed. Also noted was that graffiti is the worse it has ever been in Davis.

Nominations Committee: Melody Boyer, board representative to the committee, reported that the committee has secured the confirmation of two OND residents who are interested in serving on the ONDNA Board for the upcoming 2023-34 year. There are three positions on the board that will need to be filled. Melody stated that seven additional OND residents were asked if they would be interested and all declined due to various reasons. Current board member, Gerrit Mulholland whose term is expiring, offered to serve again on the board. Appreciation was expressed to Gerrit for offering to stay on for another term. The 3 candidates will be voted on at the ONDNA Annual Meeting on June 8, 2023, which will be held in John and Karen Meyer's back yard (616 E Street) at 6:00 p.m. Melody acknowledged the time and effort spent by the other two Nominations Committee members: Kim DeYoung and Simona Ghetti.

Discussion:

Several attendees were interested in extending the boundaries of OND to include the north side of 7th street and Sweet Briar Road in Davis. Residents who live in these areas are impacted by issues in OND. John Meyer mentioned that the By-laws of the Old North Davis Neighborhood Association could possibly be amended to include these areas. Discussion of this could take place during the 2023-24 year.

Planning for Annual Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023:

This meeting will be in-person and hosted by John Meyer and Karen Moore at 616 E Street (backyard) at 6:00 p.m. The by-laws state that the electronic notification of the meeting should go out 21 days prior to the meeting. John will send out this notification. The paper notices, which are to be hand delivered to all residents of OND, will be distributed 3 days prior to the meeting. John will contact the staff at the city who, as a courtesy to neighborhood associations, will print these up for our use. Marnelle Gleason, Gerrit Mulholland, Melody Boyer and Elma Gardner volunteered to deliver the notices. Melody volunteered Dave DeYoung (who was unable to attend this meeting) to also help. Streets will be divided amongst the volunteers for the distribution.

Discussion:

The annual meeting will be the same format as last year's meeting. Donna Neville, the 3rd district representative to the city council who was newly elected, will attend the meeting. She will be interested in hearing from those present of any issue that is of concern.

Melody Boyer will represent one of the board candidates as that individual will be traveling and unable to attend the meeting.

John will solicit comments of any concerns and issues the ONDNA board should address for the 2023-24 year. An individual asked if the board could investigate any ordinances the city may have in place regarding Airbnb rentals. Others also agreed that this issue is important as there are Airbnb rentals in our neighborhood that have had impacts on the permanent residents. John offered to contact the city regarding any ordinances. In particular was the concern of having a historically designated landmark/home changed to an Airbnb.

Pending Items: Alley cleanup needs to be enforced. The city now has a code enforcement officer in place who can help with this, as well as write up violations. The city of Davis app enables residents to submit complaints and concerns. This same app is also useful for reporting problems with sidewalks, streets, city trees, etc. One resident mentioned there are properties that appear to be abandoned in OND. This is of concern. A suggestion was made to have the code enforcement officer attend one of ONDNA's meetings next year to address this and other issues.

Other pending items are: follow up on the downtown plan adoption, additional stop signs in our neighborhood to help with speeding issues, oversight of tree canopy restoration, volunteer cleanups for those neighbors who may need help, update of ONDNA website, the Newman Center historical analysis, roster/phone tree, naming alleys, Lyda Williams Garden, and future ONDNA meetings in-person at the Hattie Weber Museum (location of meetings prior to the pandemic).

Next meeting will be our annual meeting at John and Karen Meyer's backyard (616 E Street) at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary