

Board Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2020. Old North Davis Neighborhood Association (ONDNA)

Our meeting convened at 6:00 pm via Zoom, due to social distancing.

APPROVED December 10, 2020

Attendees: ONDNA Board members present were: John Meyer, Steve Tracy, Angela Willson, Tony Martin, Greg Frantz, and Lucas Welch, Other attendees were Marian Stephenson, Cyndi Marshall, Kim Deyoung, Dave Deyoung, Lucas Frerichs and three students from UCD, Mikalah Johnson, Megan Antonia Taitagua, and Lucy Bennett. The students attended our meeting as part of a class in regional development.

Start Meeting. The minutes for our October 15 meeting were approved without changes. The agenda for the current meeting was approved with an addendum by John Meyer to speak to a recent health program in Davis in response to the Covid pandemic. The Healthy Davis Together program will be offering free Covid testing at the Senior Center (on 7th Street near B Street) and at the Mondavi Center. The program will also offer other advice on how to keep safe during the pandemic. (Secretary's note: more information about the program was detailed in the Davis Enterprise Sunday issue, November 22).

Selection of Board Officers. Current Board officers John Meyer (President), Lucas Welch (Vice President), and Steve Tracy (Treasurer), agreed to remain in their current positions. Current Secretary Gerrit Mulholland was not present at the meeting, so her desire to remain as the Board secretary is unknown. We hope she stays on.

Neighborhood Projects. The property at 618 F Street has received all approvals to proceed with remodel plans. The Board was previously supportive of the project, as it represents a significant positive investment and is designed in character with our neighborhood.

The future of the property at 626 B Street near the Newman Center remains to be determined. There are possible hints from the owners that it could be used as an "International Community" of students focused on Christian community service, but the ultimate use of the property is only rumor at this point, and needs additional time to be determined.

Police Advisory Board. Board member Angela Willson reported that some crime is up in Davis, notably thefts of car catalytic converters and packages from front porches. A more comprehensive report from the Police Advisory Board is expected soon.

Tree Planting. Recent plantings of chitalpas have not found favor, due to branch drop and poor growth habit. This tree apparently will not be included in the list of trees for re-planting in Old North.

Road Resurfacing. This was supposed to begin in September on D and E Streets between 5th Street and 8th Street (7th Street, for E Street)., and include a 4-way stop sign at 6th Street at D Street. project. Construction on the resurfacing has yet to begin as of this meeting.

ONDNA Website. The website needs improvement to make it more intuitive to navigate. We need someone with computer/web skills to make our website more friendly to users. This will be a continuing issue.

Neighborhood Alleys. Maintenance of our alleys is an issue that affects neighbors who have garages that open on to them and use them regularly. Un-pruned vegetation from houses that border the alleys can cause cosmetic damage (ie, scratches) to cars driving down them, and the grade of the alleys also allows water to flow into garages that are lower than the grade of the alleys. High speeds are also a concern (alley speed limits are 15 mph). John Meyer has reached out Eric Spann of the City to address these concerns.

Phone Tree/Community Contact List. The idea of a neighborhood contact list to provide a means of contacting neighbors who might need assistance was (and has been previously) discussed. John Meyer noted that there is an existing City database of property owners that might be helpful in this. John and Tony Martin agreed to investigate this further to see if we could use this database for the purpose of neighborhood communication.

In General. Regarding the issues concerning our neighborhood that were discussed at this and other meetings, President John Meyer suggested that a walk-around of our neighborhood with our District City Council person (now we know to be Lucas Frerichs, congratulations on your re-election) would be in our interest.

Other Business. We thank the students from UCD for attending our meeting. Their questions of Board members regarding local involvement in communities were cogent and encouraging, and we wish them and their peers much success in pursuing of community involvement.

Our meeting was adjourned at about 7:00 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 (the **2nd** Thursday of that month) from 6-7pm via Zoom, as usual in these unusual times.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Frantz, Acting ONDNA Secretary, November 22 , 2020.