

OHMHA Board Meeting

OHMHA Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2009 held at Thurston Elementary at 7:30pm . Members in attendance were Stuart Baggeley, Henry Brysk , Wendy Carman, Emily Eisbruch , Neal Foster, Monica Hanna, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, Peter Mooney, Phil Savage and Margie Weiss.

- Stuart moved to approve the Meeting Agenda and Neal seconded, all approved.
- The prior Meeting Minutes were reviewed; Stuart moved to approve them, seconded by Emily, all approved.

Peter Mooney arrived at 7:35pm and advised that he had to leave by 8pm.

- Peter addressed the status of the 503(b). He discussed how Form 2048 had to be signed by two OHMHA Officers and \$300 was submitted to the IRS. Also, a section of the form included authorization for the IRS to discuss OHMHA related issues on the Board's behalf.
- Peter also addressed the issue of the Burbank entrance. He had spoken to his neighbor , Denise, about it's appearance. She felt that entrance wasn't bad but the Georgetown entrance needed more attention. She volunteered to address the Georgetown entrance if the Board approved. It was proposed that the Burbank entrance issue be postponed until the next meeting when Jack Cederquist could attend.
- During the Financial Report, Wendy said that new signature cards needed to be signed to move money to the new account. Peter mentioned that OHMHA has been issued an E.I.N> number to be tax exempt. Wendy also brought the checkbook to pay various outstanding bills and reimburse member for Board approved expenses. Wendy needs the signature cards signed and submitted to the bank before \$300 can be moved from the OHMHA General fund to the Legal Fund. Wendy also is working on having someone look at the OHMHA accounting books; Sandy Rice agreed to look at them but may not be available. Phil asked about yearly cash flow and Wendy responded that we try to keep OHMHA expense in line with incomes. Stuart mentioned that the Fall Festival was started to "give back" to the neighborhood. It was mentioned that about 30% of the neighborhood were members of OHMHA. Stuart moved to approve the Treasurers Report, Monica seconded, and all approved.
- Margie addressed the median upkeep on Georgetown. She moved that the Board do nothing with the medians and let the City maintain them, reviewing at a later point. Wendy spoke against this view, stating that the medians will not look good without extra upkeep. Neighbor upkeep had previously failed when only one person remained committed to its maintenance. Peter suggested having a newsletter article to encourage neighbor input; Margie countered that neighbor input was not necessary and that a timely Board decision was needed. Peter motioned to table Margie's motion until after an article could be submitted to the Newsletter in February for community input; the motion passed 9-3.

Peter had to leave the OHMHA meeting at 7:55pm.

Discussion followed concerning various guidance offered by the City concerning the legality of our maintaining the medians. No current clear guidance was offered by the City.

- Margie then addressed the status of Fall Festival planning. Amy Seetoo has brought in a Clown at no cost to the Board. Mike Conboy will do tree Tours again. A talent show will proceed if enough talent can be lined up. Monica is organizing the Squash Judging Competition. Neil will display pond creatures on tables. The Thurston Nature Center will co-sponsor this event. A sound man was offering his equipment for \$50. Tecumseh Tent Co. was chosen to provide the tent, table, and chairs. Wendy motioned that the Board pay for the security deposit to secure Tecumseh Tent Co. and Neal seconded; the Board approved this motion unanimously. The next Fall Festival Planning meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2009. Stuart mentioned that neighbors Janet and Phil Chen would be displaying beaded jewelry as part of our F.F. Craft

Feature. It was agreed that Fall Festival participants would be encouraged but not required to be paid up members of OHMHA.

- Wendy addressed the Board concerning Special Planning committee happenings with the City. There was some complaint from City residents that not enough time was given to discussion about various zoning plans. The City is working toward greater City density via proposed changes in

City zoning. No changes are planned in our area at present, though this could change. It was mentioned that Plymouth & Green condos have gone from being for sale to for lease because of no sales.

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Emily suggested that a Minutes Book would benefit the Board to look back at past Board Meetings to review motions and discussion. Emily will consult with Jack on this issue. She also spoke with Stephen Rapundalo and the principal at Clague concerning the issue of no sidewalks on Nixon north of Clague. She encouraged OHMHA members to email her if interested in this issue.

Stuart mentioned that the mailing of the recent newsletter went smoothly with five members participating in stamping and distribution by hand. Discussion resolved that the Fall Festival flyer would also be hand delivered, without mailing labels.

Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:39pm, Neal seconded, all approved.