

# OHMHA Board Meeting (Final) – Minutes from John 4/16/2025

## OHMHA Board Meeting

4/16/2025

7 – 8 pm                      Meet with Jon Mallek  
8 pm and beyond            General Meeting Topics

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## Attendees

Gaffield, Carmen, Stancroff, Trulik, Anspach, Eisbruch, Cederquist, Concannon, Mooney, Pritts, Seetoo,  
Others: Jon Mallek, Barry Johnson, Carol Miller, Denny, Jim & Sandy Breck, Allison Carey, Alexey, Ron Haskins, Rita Mitchell, B. Rieck, unknown (iPhone), Dorene Markel, Todd Grant, I Francis, Ed & Kathy-Ann

## Recording

Link to be send to board later

## Any Quick announcements?

- None

## Meet with Jon Mallek – Ward 2 city council representative

- [JMallek@a2gov.org](mailto:JMallek@a2gov.org)
- Jon will talk for about half an hour
- Remaining time until 8 pm will be open for questions
- Elected in Nov 2024
- In office about 4 to 5 months
- Wants to meet all houses in Ward 2
- From Junction City, Wisconsin

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- Peace Corp – Senegal
- American University grad school
- Renegotiation of NAFTA
- USDA – Foreign agriculture service
- Husband – Jason Morgan – 2023
- Works for Michigan Dept of Agriculture – Job is in Lansing
- Ran for City Council
- What has surprised him?
  - Had to become positive about Ann Arbor
  - Sustainable energy utility
- What excites him?
  - Renegotiated gas fees with DTE for climate impact
  - Residential solar
  - New fire station 4 – state of the art
  - Comprehensive Plan – appreciates OHMHA feedback
  - Leading state of Michigan in many ways
- Worries
  - Federal landscape – funding, etc.
  - State is funded federally around 42% or so
- City budget coming up in the next 2 months

### Questions & Answers

- Barton Dam condition - Todd
  - Last funding was allocated
  - Reinforcing the bank along the edge
  - Should be up to standard after this project – to start soon
- Committees are you on - Wendy
  - Environmental
  - Energy Commission
  - Audit Committee
  - Policy Committee
  - Greenbelt Committee
- Barry – Asking about increasing density and negative effects
  - Quality vs. Quantity
  - Density can decrease commuters into Ann Arbor
  - 30 areas down to 7 or 8
  - Jon will respond to e-mails, but it is taking some time
  - 35 feet maximum height
  - Feedback will continue
  - Will the new schools take into account increase in density
- Pete – Long term costs – how is Ann Arbor doing?
  - Doing well now
  - Pension Funds 94% and 89% funded
  - At 1% of borrowing and capped at 10%
  - Arbor South will use borrowed funds
  - Consider using General Fund rather than millages
- Carol – How has commuter to Lansing affected him?
  - There are different goals between state and Ann Arbor policies

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- Excited to return to Ann Arbor, but gets different perspectives
- Notices road quality on commute
- Allison - Has UM been examined for the cost of their student housing (ie. Dorms and Family Housing)? UM student housing is pretty pricey and pushes a lot of students to look for housing off-campus. Sometimes it feels like UM is being let off the hook for their role in affordable housing.
  - Concerned with what happened with the new school plans and
  - Has U of M housing been reviewed for affordability?
    - City cannot tell U of M what to do
    - Has not kept up with the student increase on housing
    - More housing being built on Madison
    - U of M is buying Ann Arbor property – no long tax base
    - North Campus housing is aged
    - May be in their 2050 plan
  - 10% of Denver budget goes to beautification
    - This does happen, but not always standard
- Jack – draft plan says this area will be general residential – up to 4 stories
  - Looking for support for not having something this high in this area
  - 35 feet changed to 48 feet height
  - Plan is flip flopping
  - Can there be a different zoning district for this area?
    - Feedback on both sides of the issue
    - Timeline
      - first draft last week
      - not changed after draft
      - There will be limitations
      - Resolution
      - With Planning Commission again
      - Copy Jon and Chris on communications with PC
- Todd – where is Jon on height limit and parcel assemblages
  - Supports the passed resolutions

### **General Meeting Agenda – Guests are welcome to stay**

#### **Agenda**

#### **Call the Meeting to Order – (1 min)**

Time – 8:08

Motion – Pete

2nd – Brad

#### **Any Changes to the Agenda – (2 min)**

- None

#### **Approval of Minutes (Robyn) – (5 min)**

- Meeting Minutes from 2/3/2025
  - Any discussion?
    - Correct Wendy's name
  - Motion – Brad
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pete

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- Passed

### **Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Joe) – (5 min)**

- Documents distributed 4/14/2025
- Comerica Bank – \$10,510.70 as of 03/31/2025
- Dues paid by check 3/31/2025 to present – \$50.00
- PayPal – \$680.12 - Cash balance in PayPal, transfer in process to the bank account
- Cash available – \$11,240.82 – no outstanding debts
- About \$1000 for legal fund
- FY starts June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Approval –
  - Motion – Steve
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connor
  - Passed

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Budget & Finance – (5 min)
    - Review of the budget with the committee
    - ¾'s of the time and used ¾'s of the expenses on target
    - List of items for the budget sent by Wendy
    - Parks money to change to the entrance updates – voted on this
    - Budget due the 20<sup>th</sup>
    - What will be done next year?
      - Nature Center
        - Question about non-profit funding another
      - General Fund – use for future expenses
        - Motion to move to general fund 25-26– Brad
        - Second – Wendy
        - Passed
        - Fall Festival does use \$3500
          - May increase this year (tent is major)
          - Increase to \$4000 for 25-26
        - Entrance – leave at \$60
        - MailChimp will be about \$300
          - Joe will review the actual costs with Emily
        - Go Daddy hosting – will be coming up soon
          - May increase to around \$70
        - Say IT fees at \$400 possibly
        - PayPal fees – monthly fees
        - Room rental – Thurston \$50
          - Library is free for now – 2 hours
      - Wendy will work on the budget and send out to the board
- Membership Update (Connor) – (5 min)
  - 5 new membership payments
  - 22% of the neighborhood are paying members

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## **Old Business**

- Parks (Amy is interim lead) – (5 min)
  - Something happening in spring

## **New Business**

- Board members with terms ending in summer of 2025 – Steve (10 min)
  - Jane, Robin, Wendy, Amy, Pete, Emily
  - Jane has moved and can no longer run
  - Emily has decided not to run again
    - Will still help with communications
  - Two candidates have offered to run:
    - Susan Wyman
    - Ali Hassani
  
- Community Forum Planning (5 min)
  - Feedback on the forum event
  - Brad did a great job organizing the event
  - Wanted more quantity attendees
  - The timing conflicted with Festi-Fools
  - This room did not have video – not built in
  
- Annual Meeting Planning (5 min)
  - Date: First week in June 1<sup>st</sup> or June 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Amy supports the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – out after 7<sup>th</sup>
      - Newsletter would need to get out earlier for distribution
    - Speaker: Mike Kennedy (fire chief) speak at 7 pm – ½ an hour
      - Available on the 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm
      - What time used before?
      - Pool closes at 8 pm for these dates
      - Can we stay longer – OHAC Connor
  - At pool: weather permitting
  - Zoom backup – John
  - Vote: deferred to e-mail
  
- Review of Comprehensive Plan meeting (Jack/Wendy) – (15 min)
  - First draft released last week
  - Opportunities for community input
  - Meetings happen before newsletter
  - Jack sent out MailChimp notice
    - Has meeting and plan information
  - If disagree, get involved
  - Could be rezoned in a few years
  - 4 stories needed for profitability
  - Others in Ann Arbor that oppose this
  - List pros and cons to neighborhood – competing views (Brad)
  - Draft does not have all requirements needed by the state

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- Timeline is short for decisions
- Georgetown Blvd. Entrance Garden (Jack) – (5 min)
  - Last year's growth cleared out – looks fine
- OHMHA Neighborhood Engagement Options – Robin – (10 min)
  - Ideas from 2/3/2025 meeting:
    - Snow Day – Sledding – Last minute
    - Skating
    - Book Club
    - Cookie exchange
    - Bike ride parade
    - Food stand
    - Food Trucks – Aprea food truck – need an event
      - Annual Meeting should work
      - Is there a cost?
      - Need to meet \$2500 minimum from OHAC
    - Halloween
    - Something in common with Bromley
    - Fireworks – Probably for next year
      - Not sure a location
      - Maybe in the pond
- 2025 Fall Festival – Steve
  - Steve is proposing the festival date of 10/5
    - Usually no rain date
    - Is there a soccer festival again?
  - Need Leslie Science Center on board in May
- Ann Arbor Police Department – Social Justice Symposium – May 21, 2025 at WCC
  - Chief Anderson sent note to community leaders about this event
  - John will attend
  - Please send any questions/topics to John prior to the event
  - Is it just Ann Arbor?
- Nixon Road Construction – information for newsletter – Jack
  - Information from Jack, 4/16: After years of planning and waiting, the \$18.5 million City project to improve the safety and flow of automobile, bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Nixon Road, including the addition of three roundabouts, is beginning. The first phase of work will extend from May to August 2025. It will include a full closure of Nixon from the roundabout at Huron Parkway to the Bluett/Meade Court/Nixon intersection. It will install new roundabouts at Sandalwood Circle and at Bluett/Meade Court. There will clearly be some disruption of traffic along with noise and dust! The second phase of work will extend from May to August 2026. It will include a full closure of Nixon from Bluett to the Argonne intersection and installation of a roundabout at Traver Boulevard. In separate Ann Arbor Public School projects, work is also underway at both Thurston and Clague schools, so residents can expect traffic congestion throughout the summer.
  - Trees removed on Bluett for bus drop off

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- More planting needed around Clague to block lights to neighboring houses

### **Newsletter (Emily/Wendy) – (5 min)**

- Deadline for articles 4/20
- Wendy will coordinate the distribution
- Need timing for newsletters

### **Round Robin – (10 min)**

- Environmental commission – Wendy
  - Natural features into comprehensive plan
  - Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking for letters

### **Plans for the next Board Meeting – (5 min)**

- In the June timeframe
- June 11<sup>th</sup> or so
- Should we meet in person?

### **Adjourn**

- Motion – Brad
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pete
- Passed and adjourned