

OHMHA Board Meeting Minutes

7 pm – Monday, August 5th, 2024

Time: Aug 5, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Attendees: Jack Cederquist, John Gaffield, Pete Mooney, Emily Eisbruch, Steve Stancroff, Connor Concannon, Joe Trulik

Neighborhood attendees: Joe & Lori Hymes, Bill & Monica Hanna

Agenda

Call the Meeting to Order. Call Joe, seconded Pete. Note that meeting is not recorded because Zoom owner is unable to attend.

Quick Announcements/welcome. John welcomes all and wants to streamline future meetings by sharing documents in advance where possible.

Agenda additions. Pete brought up the option of having a forum on nonpartisan/public campaign initiatives. The City Clerk is still reviewing the petitions submitted, and will announce if either qualified for the ballot August 13.

Approval of Minutes. Jack moves to accept 4/11/24 minutes, Pete seconds, passes unanimously. Steve moves to approve 6/12/24 minute, Emily seconds, passes unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Joe). Joe will share statement on Paypal and bank after transferring Paypal funds. As of last deposit on 7/29/24, bank account sum was \$11,297.33.

Legal is being tracked separately and is currently about \$700. Right now, we are designating toward legal only when explicitly indicated, though it is unclear whether there is capability to do this in PayPal.

There is an outstanding check to Jane for \$67.11. Due to her health condition, Joe proposed a stop payment and giving cash to Rob, Jane's husband. Jack proposes, Emily seconds, passes unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Finance

Wendy provided an update through email to Budget & Finance committee; John has said he will forward.

Joe and Connor confirmed they wished to remain on the Budget & Finance committee. John will confirm with Brad offline.

Membership

19% have paid dues; Connor is tracking this to 6/1/24 and beyond. Membership seems stable and 95% of dues were \$25 or higher.

Joe asks if there should be a dues campaign, with a discussion of how more funds would be spent. Proposed to include more information in the newsletter.

Old Business

TCl and MRTA Sub-committee update

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Jack says TC1 (transit corridor zoning) is largely finalized, with the exception of 54 homes on Plymouth that are not currently TC1 and may get rezoned in the future.

MRTA (Michigan Marketable Record Title Act) documents have been filed with the Washtenaw County clerk to maintain current building and use restrictions. Any future developments will be an issue between homeowners, current owners of property and developers; the city of Ann Arbor has been hands off. The filing deadline has been postponed to late 2025, though we have already filed.

Parks

Amy is the interim parks contact. Emily is in contact with parks, but as an individual, not as a representative of the board. We have \$1000 budgeted as a parks donation.

New Business

Garage Sale

The sale will be on Saturday August 24, starting at 9am. Jack will put up signs we already own, as well as ads on Next Door, Mailchimp, and Craig's List; there will be no incremental cost. If we don't get many sellers or buyers, it may be worth considering dropping this in the future.

Fall Festival

Fall festival will be Sunday October 6th from 1 – 3 pm. The tent secured has been secured, as well as music from the Krohn family. Leslie Science Center, Thurston players, Thurston PTO, the Thurston butterfly garden and the Ecology Center will have booths. The Chinese yoyo group will likely perform again. Steve is reaching out to the fire department, police department, and parks and rec about a presence. Since we are missing balloon twisting, Robyn suggested face-painting or crafts. Emily suggested outreach to the neighborhood for a volunteer to do balloon twisting. Last year, wind was an issue, so looking into table clips or no cover. Current estimated cost is at \$3500 out of \$4000 budget.

MRTA (Michigan Marketable Record Title Act)

Discussion of a subcommittee that thinks about whether to develop and/or change existing building and use restrictions. It sounds like an onerous process and as of yet, there have been no issues with building restrictions causing neighborhood disputes.

New Thurston School

John met with other neighborhood leaders and AAPS on 7/23/24. A summary of the discussion and representation of the tentative plan sent to board. General community meeting will be scheduled for September; we can advertise this in newsletter. Neighbors are concerned about disruption; John to pass on contact info for school contact.

Nixon Corridor Improvement Project

There will be a Virtual Session on 9/18/24 7 – 8:30 pm; we recommend having at least one person from OHMHA attend. This can be advertised in newsletter as well. More information about the project is at <http://www.a2gov.org/nixon>.

Newsletter

Email newsletter is planned for September; the main article will be promoting the fall festival. John will also include an intro. Emily will follow up with an email soliciting additional topics, with submissions due by end of August.

Plans for the next Board Meeting

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Monday 9/9/24 agreed as tentative date, with input to be solicited from absent members over email.

Adjourn

Jack motions, Robyn seconds, passes unanimously.