

Minutes of February 10, 2015 OHMHA meeting

Board Members Present: Jack Cederquist, Greg Jagst, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Frank Commiskey, Peter Mooney, Anne Karabakal

1. Agenda - Jerry moved and Frank seconded approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of minutes from 11 November Board Meeting - Jerry moved and Frank seconded approval of the prior meeting's minutes.
3. Treasurer's report and approval - Wendy emailed her report to the Board. Frank agreed to follow up with the Thurston Nature Center about making a contribution to Fall Festival costs. We also discussed whether the treasurer should continue to be responsible for maintaining the email list, and agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
4. Comments on February 2015 Newsletter -- After a brief discussion of, and praise for, the most recent newsletter we discussed articles for the next newsletter. Those would include a Georgetown wall update, a Thurston Pond update, a ballot for board members up for reelection, and an article about the speaker for the annual meeting.
5. Speaker for OHMHA June Annual Meeting - We discussed a speaker for June 5's annual meeting at Thurston. Among those mentioned as possibilities were Mayor Christopher Taylor and 2nd ward councilperson Kirk Westphal. Jack agreed to reach out to them, and find out who might be available to speak.
6. Online dues payment - We discussed allowing members to pay online and Anne agreed to make a Paypal link available online on the Association's website as a way to pay dues.
7. Community Forum - We discussed a 2nd annual community forum to be held on March 15 at Zoup. Jack agreed to prepare a sign to be displayed at Zoup if that was acceptable to the restaurant, and we discussed reaching out to Bromley and other neighbors.
8. Garage Sale - The garage sale was scheduled for May 9 at 9 am. We discussed placing signs through the neighborhood, doing online publicity and including an article in the newsletter.
9. Deer Management - Jack attended a deer management meeting at Slauson Middle School. At the meeting, Chris Graham of Washtenaw Citizens for Ecological Balance discussed reducing the population by lethal culls, and Lance DeVoe of Rochester Hills spoke about their city's approach, which does not involve culling the herd. Jack said that there were a variety of views expressed by the audience as to the need to cull urban deer, and the best method for controlling the population.
10. Georgetown entrance brick wall next steps - Jerry spoke briefly about hurdles faced in replacing the existing wall, including obtaining city approval and the acquiescence of neighbors. He indicated the mason we had had conversations with, Jason Thompson, was unavailable as he has suffered an injury. Jerry

agreed to contact contractors for quotes, and to work with Pete regarding necessary approvals.

11. Nixon traffic - Jack discussed the concerns of neighbors along Nixon, particularly those residing in the Northbury Condominiums, about the impact of new developments north of them on Nixon limiting their ability to exit their homes onto Nixon. Jack also indicated that the projects appeared to be inevitable regardless of the traffic concerns expressed.
12. Thurston Nature Center - Frank talked about his impressive efforts to raise funds for and awareness of the need to restore the Thurston pond and timeline for the work.