

Minutes of the February 9, 2017 Meeting of the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners Association Board at Clague Middle School

Attendance - Board members: Jack Cederquist, Greg Jagst, Amy Seetoo, Anne Karabakal, Emily Eisbruch, Martin Torch-Ishii, Jennifer Caron Oldham, Nadine Wong and Pete Mooney

Guests - Ann Attarian and Debbie Torch

1. Agenda - Approval of the agenda was moved by Pete and seconded by Martin, then passed unanimously.
2. Minutes - The minutes, revised pre-meeting to correct last-name spelling miscues, were moved by Jack and seconded by Nadine followed by unanimous approval.
3. Treasurer's report - Martin gave his valedictory treasurer's report. He indicated that there was a \$143 discrepancy in the bank account that he would investigate. He added that he had received three dues payments today. Martin also received a note from a neighbor on Bluett who was having trouble paying dues using Paypal.
4. Treasurer transition - Outgoing treasurer Martin indicated that he is moving no later July 1, but probably earlier. There was discussion of who would replace Martin, with Nadine agreeing to take over the position, first-held (nationally) by Alexander Hamilton, when Martin passes the baton.
5. Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative- Nadine reported that, since the last meeting, six houses have sold in the OHMHA area. She has delivered packets to all of the new neighbors, but no one has been home. The packet includes a free pass to OHAC.
6. Newsletter delivery - Amy mentioned that she put smiley faces on the newsletters she delivered to encourage dues renewal. Nadine suggested detaching the payment section as a way to get more folks to renew. Greg pointed out that Jodi Linn did a great job delivering to all of Bluett and Georgetown. Vicki Botek and Kathy Boresko are also a great help.
7. May Newsletter- Pete suggested including a preview of the City Council primary and general elections in August and November respectively. Amy suggested an update on the Nixon Area Alliance. Jack added that there may be some news of traffic studies to report. There can also be a report on the Community Forum.
8. April 2 Community Forum - Jack indicated plans are underway for the 4th annual community forum on April 2 at Zoup. Jack has gotten to know the manager of Zoup from past forums. Greg will contact Tom Teller about

providing audio equipment. Plans to advertise include the Mailchimp mailing list, Facebook, Nextdoor and the ohmha.org website.

9. Plan for Neighborhood Garage Sale - Jack indicated that the garage sale is on again this year, and is scheduled to take place May 20. He will place ads on Craigslist, and on a garage-sale focused website that Pete suggested. There had been discussion about doing it every other year, but Jack said that most people he talked to favored continuing it as an annual event.
10. Annual General Meeting - The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Thurston Ice Cream Social on June 9. It was agreed that we would invite Ann Arbor City Manager Howard Lazarus. If Mr. Lazarus is not available, we agreed that we would see if Mayor Chris Taylor or County Commissioner Andy Labarre were available.
11. Fall Festival - Greg discussed the plans for the Fall Festival. There were no commitments yet from musicians, but we discussed bringing back the Community High Jazz Band. Last year was the first year that the event was coordinated with a 5K run, which seemed like a successful match. Greg mentioned that he planned to reserve tents earlier this year and go with one less Porta-Potty. Greg added that he hoped to involve the Ann Arbor Police and Library again this year. Nadine suggested that we order more donuts. Greg plans to invite Fran again from the Manchester Avian Experience. September 24th is the date for the Festival.
12. Nixon Road Developments - Jack indicated that the design of the proposed roundabout at Nixon, Green and Dhu Varren is being finalized. Jack and Emily have been in contact with Igor Kotylar, a project engineer at the City for updates about the developments and the traffic impact. Jack added that there would be another public meeting at the conclusion of the traffic study. He added that the City is putting out a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) on the roundabout with the anticipation that it would be constructed during the summer of 2017 and the construction would likely shut down that intersection completely, with the exception of police and fire access. Amy mentioned that from the development on the west side of Nixon there has been a lot of run off onto properties south of Nixon all the way to the Logan school grounds, resulting in a complaint being filed with the city. Jack added that a section of the development east of Nixon has been sold to the city for parkland. Jack said that in general he felt that the efforts to influence the course of these developments had had partial success and were therefore worthwhile.
13. Round robin - Emily indicated that she would respond to the resident on Bluett having trouble with Paypal. Greg thanked our guests for attending.
14. Next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 4, 7 pm at Clague Middle School.

