

Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Meeting of the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners Association Board Meeting at Clague Middle School

Attendance - Board members: Jack Cederquist, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, Emily Eisbruch, Nadine Wong, Frank Commiskey and Pete Mooney

1. Call to Order -- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Additions to and approval of agenda - Prior to the meeting Emily has proposed adding the 2nd Ward candidates' forum as an item. It was also agreed that we would move up the treasurer's report to accommodate Nadine's schedule. With that addition, the agenda was approved with Frank moving and Pete seconding.
3. Approval of minutes from 9 February 2017 Board Meeting - The minutes were approved unanimously with Frank moving and Pete seconding
4. Treasurer's report and approval - Nadine presented the Treasurer's report, and discussed the transition from her predecessor, Martin Torch-Ishii. She indicated that the succession had gone smoothly. Her report was unanimously approved.
5. Plan for 20 May 2017 Garage Sale - Jack discussed efforts to generate interest in the upcoming garage sale, which include various online forums and the placement of signs around the neighborhood. There had been discussion of having the sale every other year, but that at this point there appeared to be enough interest to warrant continuing on an annual basis.
6. Plan for Friday, 9 June 2017 Annual General Meeting - Jack confirmed that Howard Lazarus, Ann Arbor City Manager, had expressed his willingness to speak at the annual meeting. OHMHA's 2017 annual meeting will take place during the Thurston Ice Cream Social on June 9, 2017.
7. Plan for September 2017 Newsletter - There was a discussion, led by Emily, of articles for the September newsletter. Frank will write an update on the Thurston Nature Center and Kiwanis run, Pete on the 2nd Ward Candidates' forum, Bo Bunnell on the OHAC pool, Jack on the annual meeting and roundabout work, and Wendy will write about new developments.
8. Plan for Fall Festival including Kiwanis 5K run - Greg indicated that the festival will likely proceed as it has in the past. There was discussion of starting later or going longer, with no resolution but a general sense that the event should not go longer. Greg explained that he did not believe borrowing a sound system was a viable long-term

solution as the neighbor who provided the system in the past suggested that OHMHA consider getting its own equipment. Greg requested budgetary authority to spend up to \$500.00 on a sound system, which was granted.

9. Plan for Candidates Forum – Pete discussed the candidates’ forum. There are two candidates in the second ward, incumbent Jane Lumm, and Democratic challenger Jared Hoffert, who will face off the general election in November. There had been some confusion in the preparation of the newsletter as right up until the deadline the city clerk’s office indicated that there was not going to be a second candidate challenging Jane Lumm. After Pete discovered the mistake in his initial article, valiant efforts by Amy and Emily kept the newsletter’s reputation for accuracy intact with a last minute correction. The hope is to secure a date for the forum as close to the election as possible.

10. Georgetown entrance brick wall next steps – Jerry discussed the status which is stymied by the need for authorization from the owner on the west side of Georgetown to seek approval from the city. One possibility would be to work only on the east side where the owner has provided authorization.

11. Update on Thurston Nature Center – Frank discussed issues relating to the Thurston Pond and Nature Center. One issue is that the “fort” built about a year ago in the Nature Center is considered a potential hazard by Thurston’s principal and will have to be deconstructed.

12. Officer Election – We agreed to hold it on June 20 at 7 pm.

13. Set date for September 2017 Board meeting – We agreed to hold our next meeting on September 5 at 7 pm.