

Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Meeting of the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea Plymouth Green - 3393 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor

Board Members In attendance: Wendy Carman, Jack Cederquist, Emily Eisbruch, David Hibbs, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, Jerry Schulte, Amy Seetoo, Debbie Torch, Joe Trulik and Nadine Wong

Neighbors in attendance: Avi Eisbruch and Jane Klingston

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Approval of the Agenda -- Moved by Amy, seconded by David, and approved without objection.

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes from the prior meeting where unavailable.

Treasurer Report – Nadine distributed copies of the report as of May 7, 2019, the approval of which was moved by Greg and seconded by Debbie. The only change since the last meeting was the addition of expenses from the May newsletter and income from a few member dues. Nadine requested one or more board members take over account management prior to her departure from the Board in June. It was noted the Board is supposed to have a finance committee per the bylaws. Nadine (outgoing) Wendy, Joe and Dave agreed to be members of the finance committee. The four will meet on Thursday May 16th at Joe's residence to transition account information from Nadine. Nadine requested all current account passwords be changed (PayPal, TCF Bank etc) once she steps down in June. The role of the finance committee was briefly discussed. One function of the group proposed was some type of check and balance to prevent any one board member from withdrawing all association funds. One suggestion was joint notification of account transactions. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Summer Event Discussion – The Board briefly discussed the idea of a summer social event at a neighborhood pool or park. There was a consensus opinion the Board had enough on its plate at the moment so further discussion was tabled.

General Meeting and Election – Set for Wednesday June 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM at OHAC Pool. Nick Hutchinson City Engineer is guest speaker. Jerry volunteered to bring snacks and water. Officer election to be held at the end of the meeting.

Fall Board Meeting be held on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 7 PM. Location is TBD. Sweetwaters was quite loud on May 8th.

Spring Newsletter – No issues noted with publication and distribution. There is an interest in seeing if the multiple messages regarding dues payment increases membership. Special thanks to Emily and the volunteers who assisted in writing, publishing and distributing the newsletter.

Fall Newsletter – Likely topics to include Promotion of the Fall Festival, an article on the OHAC season, traffic impacts update (if any), Annual Meeting wrap-up, new Board member profile and an update on the entrance (if significant progress is made). Email Emily with other suggestions. Emily's goal is to publish by early September.

Garage Sale -- Set for May Saturday May 18th. Jack to get the signs from Greg and place around the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Welcome – Jerry will update the Google form in the next two weeks and notify board members when the update has occurred. If Board members see addresses of a home near them, they should feel free to drop off a welcome notice and update the list (Jerry will provide a reminder of how to access). Jerry will take care of any homes that aren't visited by other board members within a week or two of the notice.

Georgetown Entrance – Jerry committed to trying to get the two neighbors on the corners to sign a document giving the Board permission to seek variance to the current monument ordinance during the month of May. A variance is required so the monuments can be built in a lower brick profile, per the images distributed a couple years ago.

Fall Festival – Greg has volunteered to lead the event again this year. Amy volunteered to assist. Sunday October 8th is the agreed upon event date. Possible events and the length of the event were discussed. Greg will check with the Leslie Science Center regarding their wildlife outreach program. Avi will check with U of M's Natural History Museum to see if they offer any outreach programs for children. Amy will check with the M-City director as another possible participant. Anyone with ideas for entertainment should contact Greg. It was agreed the event promotion material should include a schedule of events with times. The Board agreed to looking for alternative apple/cider/donut vendors as a cost savings.

Round Robin – There was a discussion about the Board launching an initiative to add to/improve the trees in Georgetown Blvd., with a benefit of promoting the work of the Board. An ad-hoc group may meet to trim trees. Further discussion was tabled.

Jack noted no volunteers yet to maintain the entrance garden. Jane volunteered to help.