

Minutes from November 13, 2012 OHMHA Board Meeting

Board members present: David Bizot, Henry Brysk, Jack Cederquist, Emily Eisbruch, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, Phil Savage, Jerry Schulte, Amy Seetoo, Rabia Shafie; Four other OHMHA residents also attended and participated in the meeting.

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

After a motion (by Jack) and second (by Henry), the agenda was approved.

After a motion (by Jerry) and second (by Henry), the minutes from the September meeting were approved.

The board reviewed the 2012 Fall Festival and discussed small changes for next year (e.g., order more donuts, possibly plan some games, try to get more raffle items from local businesses). The board expressed its appreciation to Greg for managing and organizing the Fall Festival in 2012.

The board discussed how to improve the appearance of the Plymouth Road and Green Road entrances to the neighborhood. Jack agreed to make a contact about designing and maintaining some plantings at the Plymouth Road entrance, and Amy agreed to look into the possibility of building a raised bed at that entrance. Peter Mooney shared via email a quote for masonry work on the brick portals. Additional cost estimates will be solicited. Pete also reported progress toward replacing a shrub at the Green/Burbank entrance to the neighborhood.

Emily, along with Frank Commiskey, reported on a recent meeting of the Thurston Nature Center Committee. Extensive work is required (e.g., dredging) to ensure that Thurston Pond remains a viable pond in the long term.

Emily led a discussion about the February newsletter. Frank will provide an article about Thurston Pond. Phil will report on the Fall Festival. Jerry will contribute an article on the Anita Jones Memorial Bench, and David will submit an article on potential retail development(s) near our neighborhood.

Warren and Ann Attarian, who had attended the city Planning Commission Meeting regarding the proposed retail development adjacent to the Holiday Inn North, shared information from that meeting and responded to questions. After a motion by Henry and second by Amy, the board voted to send a letter addressing the proposed development to the Planning Commission. David agreed to work on arranging a meeting for OHMHA residents and others in the area with a city representative to discuss the Northeast Master Plan.

The board agreed to meet next on January 8. Greg has secured the Clague Media Center for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Phil Savage
OHMHA Board Secretary