

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

November 10, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Present: Wendy Carman, Dave Hibbs, Amy Seetoo, Joe Trulik, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Jack Cederquist, Pete Mooney, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, and Jane Klingsten

Minutes – We discussed the May 12, 2021 (still in minute purgatory following the September meeting) and September 1, 2021 minutes. Jane requested more detailed minutes in the future and supported the longer format of the Sept minutes. Wendy said that the level of detail required depended on the topic. After discussion Jane moved approval of the May and September minutes and Jack seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report -- Dave discussed the outgoing payments he had listed in his report, and the fact that the Association's bank account was now at Huntington. The Huntington bank account balance is around \$1500 with the remainder of OHMHA's funds in Paypal. There was some discussion about how to transfer the funds from Paypal to Huntington. Jack discussed how he has personally gotten money out of Paypal. Dave indicated that our Paypal and Huntington Bank accounts are not linked and Wendy agreed to investigate how to link our Paypal and Huntington accounts. Joe asked if the website fee is annual and Anne responded that it covers a three-year period. A motion to approve was made by Jerry and seconded by Jane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee reports:

Budget and Finance – Circling back to an earlier topic, Wendy indicated that she will talk to Huntington and Paypal to see about getting both accounts in the Association's name and linking them.

Nominating committee – Wendy reported that no one has reached out to her about the open board seat.

Membership Committee – Wendy was gone in October, but indicated that there will be a future meeting that will involve proposing next steps toward expanding membership.

Welcoming Committee—Jerry indicated that there were not any updates this month

OLD BUSINESS

Landscape Committee – Wendy and Jack were in communication with Dana Novak at the city about the “adopt a median” program. Wendy emailed the person in charge of that program at the city but has not heard back. Jane asked if the median fell under Parks and Rec Dept to which Wendy responded that she thought that they were separate.

Bylaws –Wendy will provide a clean copy and put that on the website.

Neighborhood Watch/CPOT – Amy mentioned a meeting on an upcoming Friday from 6-8 pm organized by A2 police, which she couldn’t attend. Jane also received an invitation but indicated that it was an in person not Zoom meeting. Jack indicated that he is not attending. Wendy pointed out that the existing Neighborhood Watch program is being ended, replaced by a new program called the Community Partnership and Outreach Team (CPOT). Jane indicated that contemporary policing is less community-based than before and that CPOT may be an effort to restore community engagement. Joe pointed out that the department website offers a number of ideas, including have a office come to your house for coffee. Wendy indicated the CPOT seems like a different program than Neighborhood Watch, which was designed to address issues of crime in neighborhood.

Sugarbush Park – Jane said that the city had installed two new park benches by the basketball court and added accessibility to the play area and basketball court. Companion seating on benches was not added, however, nor was the picnic table made accessible. Jane has been in conversation with city about further updates, and accessibility issues. Jane mentioned the possibility of additional fundraising for the park and/or an OHMHA donation to work on the picnic table. Any donation would go to the Ann Arbor Parks and Red Dept. Jerry asked if donations could be targeted toward the picnic table or other specified needs, which Jane confirmed can be done. Amy asked why the city needed donations and what the benefit was compared to relying on the existing budget, and Jane said that donations come back in benefits greater than the amount donated.

Halloween plans – We discussed the recent holiday, including how we communicated to neighbors about distributing candy from driveways.

NEW BUSINESS

Masks – Jane has free masks available and we discussed offering those for pick up. Amy asked whether there was a need in our neighborhood for free masks. Jane said these are intended for anyone in Washtenaw County, and that use in our neighborhood was not taking access from vulnerable groups. Packages are ten masks each, and Jerry suggested having an event in Sugarbush to distribute those packages. Jerry moved to request 1000 masks that could be distributed at Sugarbush park. Jack seconded. All were in favor.

Email issues – Jack asked if board emails go to everyone and Wendy asked specifically if the Zoom link was received. Wendy felt that the communication issue was more lack of response than lack of receipt. Wendy suggested we confirm in the future that we're all getting the emails and Jack proposed that Jane send an ohmha.board@gmail.com email seeking responses.

Sustainability Grants – Jack went to a Zoom City meeting about sustainability grants, learning that there have been no applications. Wendy said that Kurt Brandle, a retired urban planner, has an idea regarding a multiple unit sustainable community that may be appropriate for a grant.

Recycling - Jack discussed a briefing the city gave on “circular economy” which involves limiting waste both through personal behavior and remanufacturing.

Newsletter – Emily said that she would circle back on the newsletter.

Community Forum -- Wendy discussed whether we should propose a Community forum at Zoup. Jerry suggested postponing an in person gathering. Jane mentioned that we could have a community meeting on Zoom focused on presenters. Joe suggested something outdoors in the Spring. Jack supported a Zoom Community forum. Jane mentioned inviting the OHAC pool folks. The consensus appeared to be a Zoom community forum in March.

Next Board Meeting – We agreed on February 9.

Round Robin – Jane brought up email voting. Jack expressed a concern that folks aren't responding to email vote requests. Jerry said that his preference would be to have most votes in person. Jane discussed the issue with distributing KN95 masks. Wendy suggested that in the future we put email requests for approval in the form of a motion. Joe pointed out the Red Roof is being demolished and the possible traffic impacts of the new uses.