

11/4/24 OHMHA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Board members: John Gaffield, Wendy Carmen, Steve Stancroff, Joe Trulik, Robyn Anspach, Emily Eisbruch, Jack Cederquist, Pete Mooney, Brad Pritts, Amy Seetoo
Community members: Katherine Borysko, Alexey, Beth Harkness

Agenda

Call the Meeting to Order

Motion – Brad
2nd – Pete

Any Changes to the Agenda

- None

Approval of Minutes (Robyn)

- Meeting Minutes from Sept
 - Minimal changes from before
 - Motion – Pete
 - 2nd – Brad

Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Joe) – (5 min)

- Joe sent the following information to the board via e-mail on 9/8/2024:
 - Current cash is \$10,465.70. Paypal \$313.58.
 - Of note:
 - All checks for fall festival have been cashed
 - \$415 was reimbursed to a person accidentally doing recurring payment
 - Jack will confirm if check for entrance maintenance has been cashed
 - Wendy confirmed \$5500 payment to PSE&D law firm put in the archives (in Google drive)
 - Future budget reports requested to be saved in Google Drive
 - Connor provided high level statement of dues by street
 - Latest data as of 11/4/2024:
 - Total households 570
 - Paying households 147
 - Percent of paying households 25.8%
 - Total paid \$3,645
 - Amy sent welcoming letters in August
 - Jack did revise the welcoming letter
 - Most recent version is on the website
- Motion – Brad
 - 2nd – Amy
 - Passed

Standing Committee Reports

- Budget & Finance – (5 min)
 - There is a question of why Connor's and Joe's reports don't match; this will be reconciled

- o Wendy is putting together treasurer's report for first quarter, will send around - it lists everything in budget through August, will do a next one after next completed quarter

Old Business

- Parks (Amy is interim lead) – (5 min)
 - o Emily shared a Sugarbush update: there should be new benches and picnic tables installed in early spring.

New Business

- Fall Festival Feedback Discussion (Steve) – (10 min)
 - o Overall successful, with good attendance
 - o Thank you to all volunteers & organizations
 - o Advertising helped; note that flyers cannot go in mailboxes
 - o Send thank you notes to those that participated
 - o For next year:
 - May want more music
 - Coordinating with PTO soccer event helped - this should be done again
 - Donuts ran out - we should order more
- comprehensive plan (Jack and Wendy) – (5 min)
 - o 20 people show up to forum and discussed meeting in a box form
 - o One person filled it out on the spot, everyone else took home and returned directly or to Jack and Wendy; these will be shared with the city.
 - o Wendy attended an open house at the library on the comprehensive plan
 - In addition to affordability, sustainability and equity: dynamic added as a new key element
 - Higher density is proposed near parks
- Review of Forum on Proposals C and D at Traverwood Library (Pete) – (5 min)
 - o Good turn out
 - o Full room at the library
 - o Good attendance from board
 - o Reading questions helped keep control of the session
- New Thurston School (John)
 - Discussion of recent updates
 - Beth is concerned with the Thurston plan
 - Contractor controls what the building designs are, not BoE
 - Contact Praveena again to get status for new meetings (John)
 - o Copy Emily and Jack
 - Updated plans at: https://a2schoolsbond.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Thurston-Questions-Answered-2024_10_31.pdf
 - https://a2schoolsbond.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Thurston-Nighbor-Update_Final_2024_09_26.pdf
- **Nixon corridor project:** No updates
- **Proposals for sign**
 - o **Sign - <\$1,000**
 - Either a neighborhood amateur woodworker, or hiring someone local to create a similar sign
 - o **Native Plants - <\$250**

- The WCCD native plant sale is around Memorial Day and a great option for local plantings. It would take a few years for plants/grasses to reach full height.
- Connor is willing to lead this project
- **Solar-powered Spotlights - <\$500**
 - There is no lighting today, and I assume there is no electricity out on the median.
 - I am not sure how bright these lights are, or if the sunlight would be enough to power them through the night and winters, but something is better than nothing.
- **Potential Concerns**
 - Should we be consistent with the Plymouth/Georgetown signage?
 - May need city approval
 - Installation costs

Newsletter (Emily/Wendy) –)

- Next newsletter will be in March
- Emily would like to delay discussion until next meeting

Round Robin – (10 min)

- Thanks to Emily for sending flowers to Jane
- How to share community events: discussion of whether these could be shared on the website or whether that will involve too much updating
- Brainstorm of neighborhood activities: bike parade, mahjong, Halloween

Plans for the next Board Meeting – (5 min)

- Feb 3

Adjourn

- Motion – Wendy
- 2nd – Brad