

Minutes for the September 8, 2016 Meeting of the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowner's Association Board at Clague Middle School

Present: Wendy Carmen, Jack Cederquist, Peter Mooney, Frank Commisky, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Nadine Wong, Martin Torch-Ishii, Amy Seetoo

1. Call to order
2. Agenda. Frank Commiskey moved approval and Jack Cederquist seconded, and the agenda was approved without objection.
3. Approval of minutes from 12 May 2016 Board Meeting --Frank moved approval and Jack seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection
4. Treasurer's Report - Martin Torch-Ishii presented the Treasurer's report. Martin indicated that the Fall Festival would likely be the largest single expense. He described recent dues payments, and said that the distribution of the September newsletter would likely lead to more dues payments. There was a discussion of residents paying dues at the Fall festival. In addition, Martin mentioned that he, unfortunately, plans to move next summer, meaning that his involvement would end in June. Pete suggested merging the legal and general funds. Amy suggested that the legal fund might be used for the Nixon area development controversy. Martin pointed out that we also have a Georgetown fund. Jack suggested get Wendy Carman's input as to the history and rationale behind the legal fund. Jack offered to email Wendy.
5. Fall Festival planning - Frank mentioned that integrating the Kiwanis run and festival was a challenge as the run overlapped with the beginning of the festival. He indicated that the Community High Jazz band would start playing at the beginning of the race, and keep playing to assist in the transition to the festival. There was a discussion of the length of the festival. Frank indicated that there would be tribute to Mike Conboy at 1:20, and that he had bought a black oak to be planted as tribute to Mike Conboy. There was a also discussion of non-profit groups that will be at the festival, and a discussion of the process for the drawing. Greg described the cost of the tents, portable toilets and food. There was also discussion of a donation to the Community High Jazz band as a thank you for its performance.
6. September 2016 Newsletter - There was a short discussion of the distribution of the newsletter and other methods of promoting the festival. Greg indicated that all the streets were covered in connection with the newsletter. Emily suggested getting some help for Greg in connection with his responsibilities related to the newsletter.
7. Georgetown entrance - Jerry indicated that one of the Georgetown-Plymouth neighbors, Brad Roth, had signed an authorization for the Association to seek zoning board approval but that he had not received approval from the neighbor

who lives on the west side of the intersection. Jerry indicated that once the zoning process is completed he will obtain quotes on the work itself.

8. Update from the Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative - Nadine indicated that in the most recent period 6 homes were sold, and that she attempted to contact some of them in connection with the initiative but no one was home when she visited the new homeowners. Amy mentioned that there were new homes being purchased on Cederbrook.
9. Update from Neighborhood Watch - Greg explained that Jeff Hamilton indicated that he would like it to be known that he is block captain. Jack discussed some of the postings on Nextdoor relating to concerns about crime..
10. City action on Accessory Dwelling Units - Jerry felt that there wasn't sufficient notice to the public when the proposal was put out for comment.
11. Update on Nixon Road developments and traffic study - Jack discussed the Nixon Farms and Woodbury Club projects, and the wetlands issue. Part of the property under discussion was agreed to be sold the City of Ann Arbor as parkland during the council discussion, Jack reported.
12. Thurston Nature Center - Frank Commiskey indicated that the pond needed rain as the water levels were low. He discussed the rain garden in front of Thurston, and efforts to remove cattails and buckthorn from the pond.
13. Mike Haber Memorial bench - There was discussion raising money to replace the Haber bench. There was no vote on this issue, but also no indication that Board was planning to be involved in raising funds
14. Next meeting - November 10 was agreed on for the next meeting.