

Minutes of the Sept 11, 2019 Meeting of the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea - 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, Jane Klingston, Joe Trulik

Neighbors in attendance: Avi Eisbruch

Call to order: 7:10 pm

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

Approval of the Feb 6 and May 8, 2019 Minutes – Moved by Greg and seconded by Anne and Jerry, approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – David distributed copies of the report as of Sept 11, 2019, the approval of which was moved by Greg and seconded by Joe. 21.5% of the neighbors have paid their dues, as compared to 17.5% for this time last year. All Board members are encouraged to support the collection of outstanding dues for their own respective streets. Contact David for a listing of the neighbors whose dues remain unpaid. **TO DO:** Members of the Finance Committee, Dave, Wendy and Joe will schedule another meeting to identify and document financial best practices for consideration by the Board.

Fall Festival – Preparation for the October 8, 2019 Fall Festival is underway, with the following planned activities and attendance: CPR Demo, Natural History Museum (Avi to inquire), Huron Valley Ambulance, Ann Arbor Police, Mahjong demonstration, Thurston Choir, Leslie Science & Nature Center (with animals of interest). The Board was looking for or asked for someone to take photos at the Fall Festival for inclusion in the next newsletter/website.

Georgetown Entrance - Brickwork – Jerry has secured signatures from 1 neighbor and will follow up with the second. Once signatures are received, Jerry will approach the City for authorization as it is believed this maintenance will improve and promote pedestrian safety.

Georgetown Entrance - Garden – Jack commented about the fine job done in maintaining/weeding the entrance by Erin Reichert and her children. He will request an update on the hours and then compensate them accordingly.

Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative – Jerry will update the list and the forms. Once done, the link will be emailed to the Board for review and usage.

Georgetown Median – Pruning – The Board conveyed its sincere appreciation to David for the work in pruning the trees. Thanks Dave, a noticeable and needed improvement.

Next Meeting – The next Board meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2019 at 7pm, again at Sweetwaters.

Round Robin Discussion:

1. A2 Fix It – The Georgetown Street paving was done quite quickly with little notice. It is believed only a top coat was applied to extend the life of the current road.
2. Adopt a Park – Jane will inquire with Parks & Recreation about the possibility of volunteering in and scheduling work days in a neighborhood park within OHMHA.
3. Future article – A suggestion was proper pruning and maintenance of plants in the front of your house and especially those that encroach on/over sidewalks.
4. M-City – Amy will inquire about another update, but knows the Director would like to take steps to promote a larger audience. An idea was put for to partner with the local library to offer their space complimentary. OHMHA would help to promote it.
5. Ann Arbor Master Plan – Wendy updated the Board on the City's effort to update and create a new Master Plan. A consultant will be hired and the City will start the interview and selection process soon. It is believed that this will be a 2 year project and a committee will be established to work with the selected consultant. Given the City's efforts to promote affordable and available housing, there may be an effort to change zoning laws to accommodate greater availability and the option of more Accessory Dwelling Units in the neighborhoods. Community members and Associations need to be involved in this initiative, so participation is encouraged. It will be important to monitor this closely. Development of a Master Plan is required by State law.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm