

Some Old North Improvements Involving the ONDNA

This is a brief list of important improvements in the Old North and in the larger area that the Old North Davis Neighborhood Association has brought about or significantly contributed to since its founding in 2002.

1. The current traffic calming pattern seen on 5th Street between L and B streets.

An Old North resident with a professional background in traffic planning worked with the ONDNA and others for years to achieve the current calming pattern. Several signature-gathering petition campaigns were involved in addition to street design planning.

2. The “N District” parking system in Old North.

An ONDNA member observed the practice of “preferential parking” in another city and related it to ONDNA people, who adopted the idea and promoted it to city officials. Part of the campaign involved extensive gathering of resident signatures in support of the plan.

3. The distinctive street signs on the street sign posts in Old North.

The idea and physical design of the distinctive Old North street sign came from an ONDNA member, was adopted as a program by the organization, and promoted to City officials with success. The signs and their placement are privately financed with ONDNA guidance.

4. Using several sources of funding, the ONDNA has orchestrated special and additional tree plantings in order to maintain and renew our urban forest.

Extending over years, volunteer crews have planted replacement street trees using private resources that extend significantly beyond the City program of tree maintenance and replacement.

5. The ONDNA monitors Davis historic preservation affairs and develops advocacy positions that are presented to appropriate public officials.

The ONDNA is recognized as a strong, reasonable and credible citizen voice in historic preservation matters, a role that is increasingly important in the upcoming revisions of Davis’ plans for the future.