

OLD NORTH DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Meeting convened at 445 C (Hattie Weber Museum) at 6:01; adjourned 7:05.

Approved March 16, 2017

Attendees: Board members, (President) Marilyn Underwood, (Secretary) Dennis Dingemans, Greg Frantz, Steve Penniman, Steve Tracy; [not present Board member = (Vice-President) Judith Kemper & (Treasurer) John Meyer]. Others present: ONDNA's Marian Stephenson and Stacey Parker; Aubrey Moore (representing Dan Dowling).

- 1) Start Meeting.** Introductions. Deferred consideration of January Minutes (they were submitted late, just this afternoon). Approved by Board vote the Agenda. Received Treasurer's absentee Report of a little-changed \$623 balance. Announcements: Steve Tracy is going to be out of town a lot over the next 6 months and will miss several meetings. Dennis noted that he wishes to be replaced as Secretary – due to failing hearing and intervening obligations. Steve Tracy noted that Public Works might be slow to add traffic calming hardscape changes because partial improvements to intersections could be interpreted as mandating a more complete slate of ADA improvements for that section of streets.
- 2) Trees in ONDNA.** Several attendees reported on proposed ONDNA efforts to improve and preserve the health of our street trees. Tracy registered an objection to midget trees that the City seems to be foisting off on our boulevards. Stacy Parker noted that Arbor Day is March 11, 2017 and that Tree Davis is urging "tree warriors" to be roving waterers for young trees and thirsty trees. Also, Parker reported that Tree Davis is planning a Saturday event on March 11, staged from a gathering in Central Park, to walk neighborhoods and plant trees, water trees, and otherwise observe and help vulnerable street trees. A feature of our OND urban forest was praised: the mix of diverse trees but also our accents of clusters of similar trees.
- 3) Aubrey Moore** answered the few questions posed to him about his design for the 8-house project that Dan Dowling is proposing to build on 717 D Street's vacant large lot. He commented that ONDNA's Karen Moore had previously submitted a perceptive state of suggested changes that have in several notable ways been implemented to individuate the 8 units better and give a stronger suggestion of continuing our neighborhoods pattern of street-oriented front entrances. There had been comments about using different material for the exterior, others at the meeting found the use horizontal siding on the entire project to be acceptable. Few solutions were posed to the problem of minimizing the "pick-up day" clutter caused by 8 houses and their 24 trash and yard waste containers sharing street space with vehicles packed into increasingly crowded curbside opportunities.
- 4) Deferred to consideration by serial email exchanges: comments on the 38-page draft of the City's "Guide to Infill Development" before the February 24th deadline for receiving those comments. Steve Tracy will circulate comments to the board via email so as to be able to meet the comment deadline.**

Adjourned to the MARCH 16TH Board Meeting.