

ONDNA Minutes: December 8, 2022

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Board Members Present: John Meyer, Dave DeYoung, Melody Boyer, Angela Wilson, Gerrit Mulholland

Board Members unable to attend: Marnelle Gleason, Tony Martin

Others present: Stephanie Dukes, Elma Gardner, Nancy Beland, Lou Fox, Jennifer Figueroa

Review and approval of agenda: One agenda item was added; November house fire on "D" Street.

Discussion:

- The house is not livable; more information about the fire may be forthcoming, including where the house resident may now be living

Minutes: consensus to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marnelle Gleason was not present; no report made.

Police Community Advisory Board: representative Angela Wilson said there will be a meeting in December; any information will be reported at the January 12, 2023 meeting of ONDNA.

Outreach to Public Works regarding traffic issues: Dave DeYoung contacted Bob Clark and Ryan Chapman. ONDNA safety concerns were presented; Director Bob Clark is retiring in December so Ryan Chapman will be the individual working with us.

- As suggested by ONDNA, speed humps on "B" and "F" streets are not possible as those streets are arterials (high capacity). Ryan understands our concerns.
- Dave will meet with Ryan sometime in January 2023 to further discuss safety protocols.
- Dave will also send Police Chief Pytel our concerns.
- Angela (representative to the Police Community Advisory Board) will bring up the issues at the next meeting of the Advisory Board in December.

Discussion:

- A request was made to see if flashing lights on "F" street at the 6th street intersection could be installed. Speeds on "F" street are "excessive".
- Dave will keep everyone updated at the next ONDNA meeting.

Old North Communication to City Council on Draft Downton Davis Specific Plan: A motion was made and approved that the letter John Meyer wrote to the city council be the ONDNA official response to the issue of the proposed development of the Hibbert property. John will present the letter at the city council meeting on December 13, 2022.

Discussion:

- Gerrit Mulholland and Elma Gardner wrote a position letter from the residents of ONDNA which will be sent to the city council prior to their December 13th meeting. Our position in the letter was to uphold the Draft Downtown Davis Specific Plan. Gerrit and Elma went door-to-door in OND, informing residents of the Draft Downtown Specific Plan and what was going to be proposed at the city council meeting on December 13th regarding the Hibbert property and the west side of “G” street. Gerrit and Elma spoke with approximately 30 to 40 residents and distributed the position letter to be used as a possible template for residents to send to the city council. The consensus of those spoken to was in support of the Draft Downtown Plan and the position letter.
- This issue affects all of Davis.
- Gerrit created an on-line petition through Change.org regarding ONDNA’s request to uphold the Draft Downton Plan. So far, 106 people had signed the petition and over 2200 people viewed it on-line.
- John will present the ONDNA official response letter after the developers of the projects present their request for their amendments to the Draft Downtown Davis Specific Plan.
- Concern was expressed that the Davis Joint Unified School District building on “B” and “C” streets will be put up for sale and a high-density project proposed for that property.
- There would be difficulty in replacing all of the uses housed in the district building.
- Mention was made that ONDNA could be facing future calls for building high-density structures with multiple stories.
- A buffer zone between the residential neighborhoods and possible high-density structures is needed.

The next ONDNA meeting will be held on January 12, 2023. Traffic issues and a debriefing of the results of the December 13th city council meeting will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary.