

Minutes of ONDNA Meeting of June 26, 2023

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Board Members Present: Dave DeYoung, Elma Gardner, Marnelle Gleason, Angela Wilson, Melody Boyer

Unable to Attend: Karen Gellen, Gerrit Mulholland

Others Present: Lou Fox

Agenda: Motion was made to add discussion of the ONDNA website. Motion seconded and approved.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes from May 11, 2023 and June 8, 2023. Approved unanimously by those present.

Treasurer's Report: Marnelle noted that the budget has had no changes. The checkbook cannot be located. Marnelle suggested that a discussion of collecting more money for the budget be an agenda item for the next meeting of ONDNA.

Police Department and Community Advisory Board: Items discussed were speeding on "B" street, the parking issue that could arise from the new development of the Hibbert property, the "G" street corridor, the concerns regarding access to the alley during a structure fire on "F" street, and rumor that the fire trucks could not fit down the alley and the hoses did not fit the hydrant. Davis Police Chief Pytel responded that the report from the Davis Fire Department documented that their trucks did fit down the alley and the hoses did fit the hydrant. It was also reported that a Comcast device fell out of a tree and into the alley of 6th and 7th streets. Davis Fire Department responded and removed the device. Angela also found out that the helicopter circling OND was an inspection of the power lines by PGE.

Discussion:

Are all OND alleys accessible? Do some need to be cleaned of debris? Can we ask the DFD to inspect our alleys? The city owns the alleys and maybe their staff are the ones to inspect. It was suggested that our city council representative could inquire of city staff.

Elections to ONDNA Board:

A motion was made to elect Dave DeYoung as President. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. A motion was made to elect Elma Gardner as Vice President. Motion was seconded and vote was unanimous. Melody Boyer was unanimously approved to continue as the Secretary and Marnelle Gleason was unanimously approved to continue as Treasurer.

Discussion:

There are old checks from ONDNA which will need to be shredded. Marnelle agreed to shred them.

Follow-up on Lumberyard Project Proposal:

Dave reported that a letter stating ONDNA views was sent to the city council and that both Dave and Jennifer Figueroa presented our views at the June 20, 2023 city council meeting.

An Op-Ed article, written by Dave on behalf of OND, will appear in the Davis Enterprise.

Discussion:

A suggestion was made to ask the editor of the Enterprise to run the Op-Ed article on a Sunday as readership of the paper is highest on that day. It was also mentioned that the city Planning Commission did not have the Lumberyard project on their June 28th meeting. It was suggested that the same letter sent to the city council from OND be also sent to the planning commission. Mention was made to send each planning commission member a copy of the article. Dave will investigate this.

Future Meetings:

There are important issues to be discussed that should not wait until the regular ONDNA meeting in September. An August 10th meeting will be scheduled. If it comes to be that it is not necessary, then it will be cancelled. It was suggested that we begin meeting in person again at the Hattie Weber Museum. Concern was expressed there may be people who prefer to participate but only by Zoom. It was agreed that a Zoom meeting be conducted during the in-person meeting. A motion was made to continue Zoom for the August 10th meeting but resume in-person meetings in the Fall. Motion was seconded and all approved. A possible future agenda item would be to discuss if we should expand the boundaries of ONDNA to include those residents who are impacted by the neighborhood of OND and decisions made by ONDNA. Also, it was suggested that the meeting time be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dave will poll board members to find out what the time preference is for each person.

Added agenda item-Website:

Stephanie Dukes had begun working on redesigning the ONDNA website. She volunteered to take on this project and has already made some positive changes. It was suggested that a future agenda item be discussion about who will maintain the revised website once it is completed.

Pending:

There are several items which will need ONDNA attention in the coming year. They include the adoption of the downtown plan, speeds on "B" and "F" streets, additional 4-way stops, oversight of tree canopy restoration, volunteer cleanups, update of the website, the Newman Center historical analysis, roster/phone tree, alley cleanup, naming alleys, street trees, and the Lyda William Garden.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary.