

Minutes of ONDNA Annual Meeting of June 8, 2023

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at John Meyer and Karen Moore's backyard

Board Members Present: John Meyer, Dave DeYoung, Marnelle Gleason, Melody Boyer, Angela Wilson, Gerrit Mulholland, Tony Martin

Guest: Donna Neville, city council representative for District 3

Others Present: Barbara Anderson, Laura Benninger, Cheryl Blomquist, Robin Datel, Kim DeYoung, Jim Donald, Julie Donald, Stephanie Dukes, Jennifer Figueroa, Lou Fox, Alison Kent, Cyndi Marshall, Steve Marshall, Karen Moore, Alyssa Phillips

Introductions: John Meyer, outgoing President of ONDNA, welcomed all to the ONDNA Annual Meeting. Guest Donna Neville was introduced.

Announcements: John Meyer made the following announcements:

- The Hibbert property on the southeast corner of G and 5th streets, has now been approved for a structure to be built that will be five stories with housing for 260 residents. No parking will be provided. These features are not what was in the original proposal that ONDNA reviewed.
- The city has not responded to our inquiry about working together to re-envision the N permit parking district.
- Announced at the recent school board meeting, the school district property on the northwest corner of B and 5th streets will be possibly developed into a housing development. Priority to purchase these units would be given to school district employees and teachers who cannot afford to live in Davis. The district offices will be located elsewhere.
- At this same school board meeting, local broker Jim Kidd proposed to donate \$40 million dollars to have a structure built on the school district site which would house art, dance, and music studios and classrooms open to the public. This facility would also house an auditorium for performances and could be used as a venue for events.
- The Regal Theatre on G street has been closed. A proposal is in progress to redevelop the site into a multi-storied building for work/live units. The already present parking garage on Third street would be made available to residents of this building.
- A recent garage fire at a residence on F street provides more incentive for the creation of a phone tree in OND. This would be very useful to contact neighbors in case of an emergency.

ONDNA Board Elections: Four seats on the board are up for re-election. Current board members Gerrit Mulholland and Angela Willson stated they would like to continue as board members. Two new residents of OND were presented as nominees for the remaining seats on the board. They are Elma Gardner and Karen Gellen. John Meyer made the motion that both Elma and Karen be elected as new board members and that Gerrit and Angela be approved as continuing as board members. Melody Boyer seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval by those present to appoint these four neighbors as board members of the ONDNA.

Guest speaker Donna Neville: John welcomed Donna Neville, newly elected city council member for District 3, and asked those present to feel free to address Donna with any concerns they may have regarding OND. Following is a list of concerns that were discussed:

- Inquiry about ordinances or regulations that are in place regarding neighborhood residences used for Air BnB rentals.
- The Downtown Plan that has been adopted will impact OND. It is important to retain the OND community.
- Proposals from developers are “pie in the sky” ideas that are presented; the reality is the structure designs are changed when they are built.
- Advocate for better public transportation if structures being built are not providing parking for their residents.
- The soon-to-be development of the Newman Center property and the school district property are of concern.
- Are there ordinances that protect OND from developers?
- The parcel the school district is on is deemed for public use.
- Can we mitigate impact of developers?
- It is important to preserve historical homes in OND. A regulation exists that a property within 300 yards of city hall must maintain certain historical features.
- We need to pay attention to gentrification of all neighborhoods in Davis.
- OND needs more “N” parking areas. It is especially important with new additional dwelling units being built.
- There needs to be enforcement of the “N” permits by a city traffic officer.
- Drivers are speeding excessively on B and F streets.
- Four-way stops are needed at C and 6th streets as well as D and 6th streets.
- Re-pavement is needed at 7th and C streets.
- Alleys in OND need to be re-graded as they are dusty and muddy (when it rains).
- Alleys are creating flooding in residents garages due to differences in height of alley and residents’ garages.
- 5th street is dangerous to cross, even with the traffic lights and the pedestrian blinking light.
- There needs to be a quiet zone for the train in residential neighborhoods.
- How long can the train block traffic?
- There are several negligent landlords who do not take care of their rental property.
- There is a large problem with rats in OND. Renters need to be provided pest control at the landlord’s expense.
- Rats need to be controlled without poison.

Concerns continued:

- The tree scape of OND is important. Several city trees need attention.
- There needs to be more community bonding with neighbors in OND.

Donna Neville stated she will be responsive to the OND neighborhood and residents. She added that there are many challenges facing the city, specifically there is very little, if any, money available in the budget to rectify current problems.

Next meeting of ONDNA: To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary