

Minutes of ONDNA meeting of January 12, 2023

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

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

Unable to attend: Tony Martin

Others Present: Elma Gardner, Lou Fox, Jennifer Figueroa

Announcements: The Davis City Council chose to hold a special election to replace the outgoing District 3 council member, Lucas Frerichs. So far, two Davis residents have taken out nomination papers.

There are Old North Davis Street signs (brown ones; current signs are green) available if anyone would like one. Contact John if interested.

Minutes: The minutes of December 8, 2022 were approved and will be distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Finances remain status quo.

Rain and Windstorm Discussion:

It was mentioned that there still were large branches down in the gutter and mow strips and the city had not yet responded. Some city crews have been busy taking out trees that were soon to topple.

There is a tree branch in the 6th street alley that is resting on a power line. PGE will be called.

Police Department Community Advisory Board and Human Relations Commission:

Angela Wilson (ONDNA representative) said there was concerned expressed about the upcoming storms predicted for the coming three-day weekend of January 14-16. Flooding and power outages were possible. Water run-off was also discussed. Davis has avoided water shortages and restrictions during the drought as a result of our underground aquifers as well as the city council's implementation of a project to receive water from the Sacramento River.

The replacement of power poles on 2nd street (resulting in that area being closed to traffic for several days) has been completed. The poles came down during one of the recent storms and there was a domino effect, taking out several poles.

PGE is working diligently on repairs throughout Davis.

Outreach to Public Works regarding traffic speeds:

Dave DeYoung reported that he recently met with Ryan Chapman, Assistant Director for Engineering and Transportation for the city of Davis. Ryan is very receptive to ONDNA concerns of safety and traffic speeds. A speed limit sign on "B" street (going north towards 5th street) will be made more visible.

Enforcement will be very important in order to bring speeds down on streets. It was suggested that painting speed limits on streets, "B" and "F" streets in particular. While expensive, it seems likely that we will be able to have a speed feedback sign installed on "B" and "F" streets, either permanently or on a rotating basis.

Outreach to Public Works continued:

4-way stops on 6th and “C” and “D” streets was discussed.

Dave asked about installing flashing pedestrian signs at the crosswalk at 7th and “B” streets. Ryan was open to this idea. Also painting cross hatches on the crosswalk was suggested.

The crown of 7th street was discussed. A metal rampway to facilitate exiting out of the alley onto 7th street would not work as access to certain utilities in that area would be blocked. It’s possible that bulb outs or relocation of the sidewalk may be possible. Ryan will look into what options could help.

Poor pavement quality on “C” and 7th streets was discussed. Paving management schedule will be determined at the upcoming city council meeting.

Dave sent an email to Police Chief Pytel regarding the excessive speeding on “B” and “F” streets. Chief Pytel informed Dave that Sgt. John Renger is now in charge of speed enforcement. Changes have been made in this area. Three police cruisers have been equipped with radar detection and two new motorcycle officers have been hired. The plan will be to “flood” “B” and “F” streets with enforcement teams and provide a saturation patrol of those streets. Drivers going 33 mph and higher will now be cited and tickets will be written. Dave will check with Sgt. Renger to see if there will be any publication of these new measures.

Sgt. Renger advised to try and get license plate numbers and vehicle identification of those who repeatedly hot rod down those streets.

Dave said that changing the traffic culture in our neighborhood could mean making drivers aware that it is a residential neighborhood. There are yard signs that urge speed control and safety. Dave has the signs if anyone wants one for their yard. Public Works also distributes signs as well.

Follow-up on Downtown Davis Specific Plan:

John suggested that the ONDNA request that the city council direct the city staff to work with ONDNA in re-envisioning the “N” parking district and to also consider traffic calming measures.

Discussion:

Frustration was expressed that after all of the citizen input, the hours worked, etc., the city council may not have been as educated and/or informed regarding the plan as would have been hoped. It seemed that the process involved had been discounted.

Suggestion was made to send emails regarding the lack of regard to the process to individual city council members rather than a group email to all city council members. Receiving a response to an individual email is greater than a group email. Also, ONDNA now has a window of opportunity about providing input regarding the parking situation resulting from the development of the Hibbert property.

It is hoped that ONDNA will have future meetings with the developers of the Hibbert property to provide input from a neighborhood perspective.

Upcoming in February: Appointment of Nominations Committee

Board terms expiring are Tony Martin, John Meyer, Gerrit Mulholland, and Angela Wilson.

Angela stated that she will re-enlist for another term.

Next meeting of ONDNA will be February 9, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary.