

Minutes of ONDNA Meeting of April 4, 2024

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Board Members Present: Dave DeYoung, Melody Boyer, Gerrit Mulholland, Angela Willson

Unable to attend: Elma Gardner, Marnelle Gleason, Karen Gellen

Others Present: Jennifer Figueroa, John Meyer, Karen Moore

Review and approval of agenda: Agenda unanimously approved.

Announcements: Dave DeYoung announced that Angela Willson was one of four nominees for the Fox 40 Remarkable Women Award in our area for recognizing contributions women have made to our nation and local communities. This is part of the Nexstar Media Group's Woman of the Year contest. Congratulations were offered all around to Angela for her achievements and impact that she had on our region.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Police Department Community Advisory Board:

Angela reported that she asked the chief of police about the possibility of naming our alleys. Chief Pytel did confirm that he thought that a few of our alleys are privately owned. Donna Neville was going to investigate this for us. Dave will follow up with her.

Angela also said she found out that drones may be used by our police department to follow up on any illegal activities. She raised the question to ONDNA about whether there is concern this is a privacy issue, since the drones would be able to view our backyards.

Update of proposed neighborhood projects:

The Lumberyard project: Nothing new regarding the construction, however, speculation is the developers are having trouble finding financing because of not offering parking to the residents.

DJUSDA property: There has been no word about the Objective Design Standards being established. Mention was made there may be action regarding this in the summer.

Relocation of the fire department to the Civic Center Field:

Work still needs to be done regarding the removal of mold from the current fire department building on 5th street. Rehabbing the original building is not efficient. There is still more understudy that needs to occur regarding possible locations for the new building.

Discussion:

Donna Neville had mentioned to us in our March meeting that one possible location could be the community garden area on 5th street. Comments were made at this meeting that this site may cause voices to be raised as there are many people who use this area for gardening.

Discussion-continued:

Other areas in town may be considered. Community gardens site will not be able to allow fire engine access to freeway accidents very easily.

Developing Sense of Pride/Community in OND and neighborhood contact list:

Alley cleanup and recent grading: The sub-committee will be meeting soon. However, word is that corrective notices were sent to various residents about trees on their properties overhanging and creating problems. Some residents have already taken action.

Grading by the city has smoothed out several rough patches and potholes have been filled. There was a question as to whether notices regarding the alley gradings were sent out prior and, if not, could this be done in the future so residents could be aware.

Neighborhood Contact list: Karen Gellen was not able to attend this meeting and was not able to report on the progress of the list. Agreement of those in attendance was that this list is important for safety reasons, in addition to establishing a sense of community in OND.

Parking District: Dave reported that the subcommittee (Dave, Angela, and Karen Moore) had a Zoom meeting with Ryan Chapman, city traffic engineer. There was discussion about the number of "N" spots that are needed for our neighborhood. This is an important concern, particularly since The Lumberyard will not offer parking to their residents. Ryan noted that the city resolution he reviewed indicates that all parking spaces in OND could be designated as "N" and this would not need city council approval. Many of our current and future issues could be addressed if OND wants to use this option. The hours allowed for parking in the "N" spots could be changed. Ryan suggested that a survey to each house in OND would be helpful to gauge how residents feel about this option. Ryan said there is no policy in place that determines a parking district for a neighborhood. He said residents may not understand why a parking district is being designated so it is necessary to have some education about the upcoming Lumberyard project and their lack of parking. ONDNA will need to develop a survey and provide some information about The Lumberyard.

Discussion: Would the current street parking signs need to be redone? Ryan said that if every spot is marked as an "N" spot, then no. Businesses on G street could get guest parking placards for their clients. Mention was made that it would be important to consult with Steve Tracy, as he was the original impetus behind having "N" spots for our neighborhood. Karen Moore will discuss the current situation with Steve for his input. Dave will write up the survey/educational notice for neighborhood residents. It was also mentioned that the survey/educational notice should note that "N" permits will cost money, and how much that will be. Also, residents should be notified that parking enforcement is in force.

Election to ONDNA Board 2024/25:

Members of the nomination committee are Kim DeYoung, Marnelle Gleason, and John Meyer. They are actively inquiring current residents to see if anyone is interested in serving on the board.

Revise ONDNA Facebook page and website:

The Facebook page is up and running. Dave DeYoung made a motion to take \$50.00 out of ONDNA's bank account and present it to Stephanie Dukes as a thank you for her work on creating the page. Motion was unanimously approved. Dave will contact Marnelle Gleason, our treasurer, to make the arrangements.

Discussion:

There seemed to be a consensus that our website is still necessary so that the listserv can be accessed to send out notices and agendas of our meetings. Our agendas and the meeting minutes should be recorded in a neutral place, such as our website. The Facebook page is for a different purpose. It could be a way to get more people involved and could increase communication amongst our neighbors. It could also contribute to a sense of community that we are trying to achieve.

Last Minute Announcement:

Karen Moore reported that she received approval from the Historical Society of Davis to preserve the WPA designs in our sidewalks. She is working on ensuring that the dates which are imprinted on our sidewalks are also preserved.

Pending Items will be tabled:

Progressive dinner, follow-up from downtown plan adoption, speeds on B/F streets, additional 4-way stops (6th and C, 6th and E, 6th and G), oversight of tree canopy restorations, volunteer cleanups, update of website, Newman Center historical analysis, roster/phone tree, alley cleanup, naming alleys, street trees, Lyda Williams Garden, in-person meetings at Hattie Weber Museum

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary