

Minutes of ONDNA Meeting of March 7, 2024

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

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

Unable to attend: Karen Gellen, Gerrit Mulholland

Others Present: Jennifer Figueroa, Dan Quickert, Students from UC Davis class Community and Regional Development 101

Invited Guest: Donna Neville, 3rd district representative on the Davis City Council

Review and approval of agenda: Motion was made to have Donna Neville's presentation as the first agenda item; motion was seconded and agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes of February 1, 2024 meeting unanimously approved.

Presentation on update of neighborhood projects:

Donna Neville started with **The Lumberyard** project. The design of the project has been reviewed and proceeded to the Planning Commission, who approved the design. Donna said she was aware of our input and especially our concerns for the lack of parking that the proposal presented.

Discussion:

Questions were raised about how restrictive the OND parking district could possibly be. Donna needs to explore this topic further with Ryan Chapman, city traffic engineer. Members had questions about whether ONDNA can be part of the process of re-doing the OND parking district. Donna will discuss this with Ryan.

Davis Joint Unified School District property at 518 B street: Donna said that first objective design standards need to be set and applied to potential development projects for all of Davis. The city brought forward their proposal for the objective design standards to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission decided that the proposal was lacking certain aspects. The city has gone back to the drawing board to come up with an alternative proposal. They have yet to present their revised proposal to the Planning Commission.

Discussion:

Could an objective design standards proposal apply to a single parcel, such as the DJUSD property at 518 B street? Donna said she needs to consult with city staff to find out what is possible. She suggested that the ONDNA suggest standards to the city about what is preferred for the appearance of the property at 518 B street. It was mentioned about looking at models' other cities use. Donna mentioned that DJUSD is in negotiations with various developers but there is nothing forthcoming yet. She did say that school districts are bound by certain standards when selling properties.

Relocation of Fire Department station on 5th street to the Civic Center field on B street: Donna said there are other alternatives being suggested as a location. Currently, one is the Civic Center field and the other is the property where community gardens are on 5th street. She said that it is imperative that a new fire station is built as the current one on 5th street is not up to code and is not large enough to accommodate the staff. The upstairs dormitory is not acceptable. There are infrastructure issues, as well, with the current building. There is not enough room on the current site to develop the appropriate fire station. She also thought that the Civic Center field will probably not be the choice for a new station. There is a need for the Fire Department site to move east, not west, due to the city's population growth. She said she would be surprised if the Civic Center site is chosen for the new location.

Discussion: The consensus of those at the meeting was that the Civic Center field is used by many people and there are many diverse activities. Donna will keep ONDNA updated.

Another item that Donna wanted us to know was that the annual housing element update was recently submitted to the state. She said she would like to see a public housing dashboard for people to stay informed with items that affect Davis.

Donna added that she has investigated our inquiry regarding naming alleys in OND. She found out that certain alleys are privately owned and some are owned by the city. She was told there is a map that identifies ownership of these alleys. She will need to see this map before providing ONDNA more feedback.

Treasurer's Report:

Marnelle said there has been no change to the balance in ONDNA's account. She said she did receive notice from the bank that the account would be closed because of the lack of activity. Marnelle completed a form asking for a one-year extension.

Police Department Community Advisory Board:

Angela reported that the last meeting was cancelled so there was nothing to report.

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

Elma reported that she needs the neighborhood contact list before moving forward on ideas for developing sense of pride and community. Dave mentioned that Karen Gellen is working on that list. Elma also stated that the subcommittee will need to meet again. She will update us at our April meeting.

Parking District:

Dave reported that the subcommittee is thinking of the following two options for our parking district:

- A parking district that is restricted 24 hours per day, 7 days a week to residents only and;
- A "R" district which is restricted 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., 7 days a week.

Dave said that the subcommittee needs to develop the justification for changing our current parking designation and the plan is to survey OND to get feedback. He said that distributing a flyer would be the best way to make sure everyone in OND can be involved, should they desire.

Election to ONDNA Board 2024/25:

There are 3 board members whose terms will expire in June: Dave DeYoung, Melody Boyer and Marnelle Gleason. Dave said he is willing to stay on for another term; Marnelle will go off the board, and Melody has not decided yet.

A Nominations Committee will need one board member and two other OND residents. Marnelle agreed to serve as the board member representative and Kim DeYoung will also be a member. Another OND resident will need to be added to this committee.

Revise OND's Facebook page and website:

Jennifer Figueroa suggested that we use a Facebook page for ONDNA's website. It is free and would serve our purpose. Stephanie Dukes has offered to work on developing the Facebook page.

Pending items: The following pending items will be tabled: Progressive dinner, follow-up from downtown plan adoption, address speeds on B/F streets, additional 4-way stops (6th and C and E, 6th and G), oversight of tree canopy restoration, volunteer cleanups, update website, Newman Center historical/analysis roster/phone tree, alley cleanup, volunteer cleanup for those in need, naming alleys, street trees, Lyda Williams Garden, in-person meetings at Hattie Weber Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary