

## **Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2017. OLD NORTH DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm in Hattie Weber Museum (445 C. Str.)

**Approved January 18, 2018**

**Attendees:** ONDNA Board members present were Molly McCarthy, John Meyer, Steve Tracy, Greg Frantz, and Dennis Dingemans. Neighbors attending the meeting were Angela Willson, Marian Stephenson, Gerrit Mulholland, Louis Fox, Lance Buck, and Rain Watson.

**Start Meeting.** Introductions. Agenda OK'd. Minutes for our October meeting were approved.

**Trackside Project.** This project was approved by the City Council at its November meeting, and is no longer a subject of discussion.

**Core Area.** John Meyer distributed a roster of the current members of the Core Area Advisory Committee. This committee will discuss development of a new core area plan and what will constitute the city's "core area," a process that may last more than a year. Any products of these deliberations will be reviewed by an outside consultant. The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for December 7, 2017.

**Traffic Calming.** Rain Watson attended the first meeting of the City's traffic calming meeting, and reported back to ONDNA. The traffic-calming group discussed various ways to slow down traffic (including roundabouts and rules for bicyclists to slide stop signs), but apparently, the City still has no overall plan to implement any traffic-calming measures. Steve Tracy agreed to draft a letter for Marilyn's signature to ramp up our position about ONDNA's concerns about traffic calming, especially in Old North.

**ONDNA Website.** John Meyer and Molly McCarthy have reviewed the email lists on our website to determine how best to use them. The conclusion is that both the lists are useful— one for general interest and one for Board business, but that only the "general" listserv should be posted on the website.

**Neighborhood Projects.** The owners of a property at 628 C Street are planning to remodel the house there. Louis Fox and Lance Buck presented plans for the remodel, and the Board had no concerns about the proposed plans, which looked to be an improvement on the existing house. For a property at 705 6th Street, Gerrit Mulholland informed the Board of her plans to modify her property to include "bump outs" as part of a second story over a new garage on her property. Gerrit gave the ONDNA Board a preview of her plans as a preliminary courtesy to the neighborhood (the disposition of her property modifications remain to be resolved by the powers-that-be in the City's regulations). We thank Gerrit for thinking about Old North's possible concerns and coming to

our meeting to let us know her plans. We wish her well in her dealings with the City of Davis.

**Other Business.** We talked about various issues that are relevant to Old North. One of these was parking spaces, specifically that with the City's new electronic practice of monitoring parking spaces, there may be mis-use of designated parking spots that go undetected by the City of Davis' parking control patrol. In other discussions, we talked about the possible effects of cannabis dispensaries (4 permits are currently proposed) in or near Old North. Our concerns reflect those that have been previously publicized in the press, namely that cannabis businesses are a cash-only deal, which could lead to potential rip-offs and bad news for the neighborhoods where dispensaries are located. Only time will tell what the effects of legalized weed will have. Another issue we talked about was whether the "road diet" implemented on 5th Street has resulted in any benefit. Steve Tracy, who keeps records of progress on this, reported that while the number of traffic incidents on 5th Street have perhaps not significantly decreased, the severity of injuries from traffic incidences has been reduced on 5th Street since the road diet. Lastly, we discussed whether to hold a Holiday Party this year. We agreed that a party would be a good idea, and Steve Tracy again volunteered his house as a venue for a gathering. Details and date/time have yet to be worked out.

Our meeting was adjourned at about 7:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017, the first day of Winter, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Frantz, ONDNA Secretary, November 16, 2017.