

Board Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018. OLD NORTH DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

[Secretary's Note: There was no ONDNA Board meeting in December, 2017 due to lack of agenda items and the usual commitments of the holiday season.]

Approved February 15, 2018

Attendees: ONDNA Board members present were Marilyn Underwood, John Meyer, Steve Tracy, Greg Frantz, and Dennis Dingemans. Neighbors attending the meeting were Marian Stephenson, Ed Whistler, Alan Miller, and Rob Read.

Start Meeting. Introductions. Agenda OK'd. Minutes for our November, 2017 meeting were approved.

Announcements. Steve Tracy mentioned that there is again an eyesore on the block of D Street between 6th and 7th Streets. The Board agreed that this is not an ONDNA issue, but a local situation that needs to be resolved between local neighbors.

Core Area. John Meyer (ONDNA's representative on the Core Area) gave a brief summary of the first meeting of the Downtown Davis Plan Advisory Committee. The first meeting was November 07 and was mostly introductory. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, with the topic of discussing what downtown Davis should be. A walking tour of Davis is also scheduled then. The Advisory Committee also now allows its members to have a substitute member, and ONDNA felt that a substitute for John Meyer's participation could be determined as such need arises.

Traffic Calming. Apparently, the City of Davis does not have enough staff to address this issue at the present time. This does not comport with ONDNA's continued concerns and requests of the City of Davis to do something. We would like the City to focus their traffic-calming activities on D Street, preferably between 5th and 7th Streets. Some simple things could be done by the City— these include striping bike lanes and perhaps a small traffic circle at the intersection of 7th and D Streets. John Meyer agreed to draft a letter to the City Manager detailing ONDNA's concerns and continued interest in this matter. Steve Tracy agreed to provide John's letter with photo documentation of traffic concerns on this stretch of D Street that indicate that traffic-calming measures are needed. The Board thanks John and Steve for pursuing this documentation to make our neighborhood a safer place.

N Street Parking. There was discussion about the locations of N Parking spots in the neighborhood, which are not always appropriate for neighborhood residents, and not always clearly marked. John Meyer has drafted a letter for Marilyn's signature to Ms. Michele Hardy of the City of Davis Parking District explaining our concerns and to request a meeting to discuss them. Marilyn agreed to follow up with Ms. Hardy by telephone to discuss ONDNA's concerns .

Cannabis Dispensary. Mr. Rob Read, owner of the F Street Cannabis Dispensary at 416 F Street attended our meeting to address various concerns that have been expressed about having a proposed cannabis shop near the neighborhood. Rob distributed and explained a document detailing the dispensary, including safety and security measures being taken on the property to ensure that his business will not pose a threat to the surrounding neighborhoods. The Board felt that Mr. Read adequately addressed any concerns we might have. The dispensary is scheduling an open house that will be widely notified throughout the neighborhood encouraging neighbors to learn more about the dispensary and how it will operate. The proposed business is one of 12 that were submitted to the City. The City will choose 4 dispensary/retail cannabis businesses sometime in the Spring.

Street Lighting. Mr. Alan Miller from Old East Neighborhood presented the results of his efforts to forestall PG&E from further installing street lighting in Davis neighborhoods that are not what residents want, and do not match the ones chosen via a public process for installation in the rest of Davis in residential areas. Alan wrote a letter to the Davis Enterprise (subsequently published in the newspaper) explaining that the lighting proposed by PG&E was too bright and was annoying to residents living under them, and that softer, more amber lighting was in fact available and could be used instead. Due to Alan's phone calls to PG&E and the City of Davis, further installation of the offending lighting was stopped. Final disposition of our street lights is still unknown. The ONDNA Board thanks you, Alan, for your time and effort on behalf of Old North and the people of Davis.

Downtown Parking. There was general discussion about the awful parking situation in downtown Davis. Apparently, there are smart-phone applications that can inform incoming traffic about which parking lots have parking spaces available, and perhaps this is something the City of Davis could look into.

Street Trees. Old North is losing shade trees due to neglect of curb-side big trees, which is a neighborhood concern. Mr. Ed Whistler volunteered to do a tree survey and wildlife assessment in Old North, out of his own interest in such things, and the Board gratefully welcomed his offer. Thank you in advance, Mr. Whistler, for your interest and effort in this. John Meyer agreed to write a letter to the City arborist, to be signed by Marilyn, expressing the Board's concerns about the health of the neighborhood trees and the impact of landscape material.

Council of Neighborhoods. A previous idea to combine neighborhood associations into a larger entity has been attempted before, but eventually stalled. There is currently some renewed interest in creating a larger Council of Neighborhoods again, and a pot-luck-brunch is scheduled for February 25 to discuss this. Marilyn agreed to attend and report back to the Board.

Other Business. City Council candidate Larry Guenther (Old East) has asked to address Old North regarding his bid for the City Council. The Board agreed, provided that other prospective candidates also be given the same audience should they request it. Also, Board member John Lofland informed us via email that the new street signs de-

noting “Old North Davis” have been installed, and they look great! Thank you, John, for your continuing promotion of, and attention to, our neighborhood.

Our meeting was adjourned at about 7:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Frantz, ONDNA Secretary, January 29, 2018.