

**Old North Davis Neighborhood Association (ONDNA)
Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 21, 2019
Approved December Meeting**

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm at Hattie Weber Museum, 445 C Street

Attendees: ONDNA Board members present: Greg Frantz, John Meyer, Gerrit Mulholland, Steve Tracy, Lucas Welch and Angela Willson.

Board member unable to attend: Rain Watson

Other neighbors and attendees: Katia Beckman, Pablo Lopez Delgado, Dennis Dingemans, Yongkai Liang, Chris Neufeld-Erdman, Karen Moore, Patricia Neufeld, Clarisa Sudarma, Marian Stephenson, and Marius Tang.

Approve Agenda. The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of the project at 618 F Street.

Minutes: Gerrit Mulholland moved, second by Lucas Welch to approved the minutes of October 19. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Tracy reported there have been no changes to the balance of the association checking account.

Election of Officers. The board voted unanimously to designate the following association officers:

John Meyer, President

Lucas Welch, Vice President

Gerrit Mulholland, Secretary

Steve Tracy, Treasurer

Introductions/announcements

Introduction of board members present and guests as listed above. Of those in attendance were four undergraduates from UC Davis participating in an Urban and Regional Planning course. They were assigned to observe a public meeting.

Neighborhood Projects

628 C Street. Steve Tracy described his review of this project and process. It appears no penalty will be assessed. It was reported that the property owner (a former developer) told the Planning Commission that he was unaware additional permits were required for this magnitude of demolition. Karen Moore described her conversation with city planning staff on this matter. The board expressed continued interest in procedures being put in place that would result in adequate review for demolition projects. It was generally felt that while the completed project will be of high quality and positive for the neighborhood, the process regarding demolition was poor and that policies need to be in place so this does not serve as a precedent.

Discussion Topics:

Neighborhood Trees. Steve Tracy again provided an update on a coming tree planting program. He gained the board's support to draft a letter to the city encouraging taller trees be allowed in areas of Old North where overhead lines are not present.

4-way Stop Signs at 6th Street Intersections. John Meyer to communicate with city on this matter. It was clarified that the intersections where four-way stops are to be requested include: 6th and C, D and E Streets. Crossing safely across F and G Streets on 6th to the Coop will also be raised.

Update on Sunday, October 13 Davis Neighbors' Night Out. Those present believed that the event was generally a success. It was noted that the Police Chief stopped by to touch base and meet those attending the event. There was discussion of what steps could be taken to increase attendance at future events.

Downtown Davis Plan. John Meyer reported that the draft Downtown Plan was released October 14 for a 90-day comment period ending January 14, 2020. He provided an overview of issues he believes most affect Old North. These focus on G Street north of 5th Street to 7th Street. The plan shows redevelopment north of the Coop to Sweet Briar. It also shows similar new zoning for the "Hibbert Block." A challenge with the entire plan is that the downtown consists of many small lots and there are limited opportunities to undertake projects which are of a large enough scale to be feasible. These two northern G Street lots do provide such opportunities. A concern is that the new zoning proposal allows a very urban form with up to four stories with the building coming right to the sidewalk. The 4th story would have to be setback 15 feet from the edge of the building. Our longstanding view is that transitions to more intense development require a thoughtful transition. As the plan is currently recommended, such a transition does not seem to be present.

John stated he will attempt to have a draft comment letter to the city prepared for review at the December 19 meeting.

City Council Districts. The board agreed that this issue should continue to be monitored.

ONDNA Service Committee/Phone Tree. No discussion.

Prior to adjournment, Angela Willson reported on a recent meeting of the Police Advisory Committee. There was discussion of a recent carjacking within Old North.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum.

Preliminary list of agenda items for next meeting:

- Update on letter to city regarding street trees
- Update of 4-way stop sign request
- City Communication
- Review map of new City Council district boundaries
- Discussion and comments on draft comment letter on Downtown Plan
- Review of ALTA traffic calming plan
- Review draft board roster

Respectfully submitted by John Meyer, ONDNA Secretary, December 13, 2019; approved December 19, 2019.

