

Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association

Meeting Minutes 04/02/16

Dick Cromwell, who shortly thereafter would be elected president of the Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association, convened the third meeting of the group at Hope Lutheran Church,

Those attending identified themselves by name and street address. Folks were from Indian Hills and Secor Gardens as well as Old Orchard.

Those gathered elected, by acclamation, Cromwell as President; Dale Emch as vice president and Keith Sparrow as secretary.

Dick reported that OONA representatives attended the University of Toledo's Trustees Finance Committee meeting and later, in the form of a task force regarding the UT Master Plan, met with Margie Traband representing UT Government Relations staff.

It was at the meeting with the Ms Traband and Mr. Calzonetti, that the OONA task force was handed a letter from UT President Graber dated March 21 and reproduced on our website - www.old-orchard-toledo.com.

Discussed at the meeting was a letter drafted by OONA task force and addressed to Margie Traband, Director of Strategic Initiatives/Office of Government Relations. The letter was the subject of discussion regarding an interpretation that its tone suggested the OONA was "drawing a line in the sand" and challenging UT development.

Further discussion:

1. Dick reported that Josh Murnen, who could not be present, was following up on possible deed restrictions in the conveyances of properties comprising Goddard Field, Cheltenham properties, and others on north side of Bancroft.
2. Keith Wilkowski reported that former Old Orchard Citizens Action association and one other entity are defunct.
3. Keith said he would assist in creating a formal OONA association with constitution and bylaws. Hugh Grefe , Keith Sparrow, and Paul Hollenbeck will assist with that.
4. Tom Douglas reported that he had been able to talk with former OO resident Dan Bishop who confirmed that any entities created to oppose

the Howard carry-out plan on Central or to provide input on the Costco or Home Depot development are defunct.

5. Hugh Grefe said that OONA needs to have a public persona and proselytize the positives of Old Orchard, Indian Hills, and other neighborhoods adjoining UT.

There was general discussion about plans for Bancroft Street and the future and proposed widening of Secor Road from Bancroft to Central

Those at the meeting voted to form the OONA association and to tie in with the existing Old Orchard Family Group and Old Orchard Block Watch pages on Facebook.

There is now an OONA Facebook page.

Discussion had on OONA developing and distributing a Sustainability Guide - a Welcome Wagon so to speak, for new neighbors and landlords and tenants and a Gateway Improvements Initiative to work on stonework, sculpture (like the trees on Kenwood) and plantings at gateway intersections: Cheltenham/Bancroft or Secor/Bancroft.

Discussion on the need for perhaps two committees as plans coalesce for Bancroft St. and Secor Rd. widening.

Dick reminded folks to send comments on the Master Plan through the UT webpage; www.utoledomasterplan.org/contact-us.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting May 14, 10 a.m. at Hope Lutheran

Submitted by Keith Sparrow