

Minutes
Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association
General Membership Meeting

President Dick Cromwell convened the first 2017 meeting of the Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association for 2017 on January 26th at Hope Lutheran Church at 7pm. . Fifty one folks attended.

Cromwell reported that OONA has a \$3,100 balance in its bank account and reminded all that membership dues of \$50 per family may be paid either by check to OONA or through the website: www.olderchardtoledo.org.

Work is continuing on the OONA 501(c)(3) application, according to Cromwell.

The University of Toledo Master Plan will be presented to the board of trustees in February unchanged from that which was discussed and revealed in December, according to Jason Toth, UT Associate VP for Facilities. The only impact north of Bancroft Street will be repair of fencing at the Driscoll Center parking lot.

Power poles and lines will likely be removed as part of the Bancroft Street project in 2018, Cromwell reported. And, Kay Bennett said that as part of that project the sewer lines will be increased to 60 inches which should positively impact drainage in Old Orchard.

Brent Lohman, chair of the Beautification Committee reported that it met with Sally Gladwell of Mannik-Smith engineers to seek grant money for the gateway designs of Paul Hollenbeck (primarily for Goddard Field).

Dana Dunbar, an Ottawa Hills resident, conveyed her concern and that of other village residents over the Secor Road project and the possible demolition of 13 houses along Secor Road on the village side of the street and loss of school revenue. She would like to see Ottawa Hills and Old Orchard become more walker/biker friendly.

Traffic studies for Secor Road project can be found at <https://ottawahills.org/news/4954>. Public meeting on the Secor Rd. project is Tuesday Jan 31st from 6-8pm at Old Orchard Elementary school.

Cromwell reported that the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission is to review a revised proposal for a new Kroger store on the west side of Secor Road on February 9 at 2 p.m. From the Blade:

“The grocery company is requesting the commission change the zoning of the 18-acre parcel from residential to commercial and approve the development plan for the site. In 2015 Toledo City Council voted 8-4 to deny a request for a zoning change for a previous proposal from Kroger, citing that it would conflict with the Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan, which suggests campus institutional use for the land. In November, 2016, the company submitted a revised plan that calls for leaving more trees on the site and building fewer outlots.”

Cromwell noted that Kroger claims only a 2.8 per cent increase in traffic volume on Secor with the new store which would be located on land optioned from the Sisters of Mercy.

Ray Boezi suggested that OONA and others concerned about the Kroger plan should “pack the house” at the Plan Commission meeting.

Sustainability Committee is still working on packets of welcoming info for new homeowners in our neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm