

Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association

Meeting Minutes 02/27/16

Hello OONA

We want to thank all of you for attending the neighborhood meeting at Biggby's last Saturday [02/27/16]— it is remarkable that the meeting resulted in the establishment of the Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association (OONA).

My notes were very spotty, but here is a brief recap of the meeting (we can select a group secretary at the start of the next meeting):

1. The introduction of attendees was motivating, as we had a broad representation of our neighborhood's footprint. Dick Cromwell has the sign in sheet, and shared emails with the group after the meeting (thanks Dick and Kathy). It was clear that the issues that I initially shared with the group resonated across the entire neighborhood and not just neighbors adjacent to Goddard Fields and the Cheltenham Road properties. It was also clear the neighborhood wanted to be proactive in driving the dynamic and organize under one umbrella to have a voice in planning and development activities that may impact our neighborhood.
2. After introductions, we provided a general review of issues that were included in my earlier emails to UT relating to safety, property values and quality of life of UT's Old Orchard neighbors. Primarily, the issue is that we are concerned with ongoing strategic planning issues related to any potential development of properties within Old Orchard, specifically Goddard Fields and the Cheltenham Road properties. The group concurred with this position, with a qualification that parking lots, roadways and physical occupied structures are negative development and not acceptable, but development of park-like, green space areas is good.
3. We listed other neighborhood issues and the floor was opened to allow for input on other issues important to the neighborhood. A general list of secondary issues included: safety, property values, quality of life, light/noise pollution, degraded aesthetics, rental properties and their upkeep, campus dorm fees, litter, illegal parking, crime, storm water run-off, drainage, number of students in single house, etc.

4. A further exchange of ideas evolved related to starting a neighborhood organization - it was agreed that the group clearly supported the concept.

5. Other ideas shared and discussed amongst the group included (I'm sure that I did not capture everything):

- a. Including neighborhoods adjacent to Old Orchard in the ONAA in our group (i.e., Indian Hills, others)
- b. Consider informing the media of our concerns
- c. Consider putting together a media package about the neighborhood.
- d. Identify potential issues to leverage our cause
- e. Consider a request to UT making Goddard Fields and Cheltenham Properties as park/greenspace
- f. Make sure the tone of communications with UT is positive
- g. Request a study of the neighborhood from the City
- h. Talk to the plan commission about what they know
- i. Talk to the City to get what information that they have
- j. Review the 20/20 plan
- k. Consider use of public relations firm down the road
- l. Talk with other neighborhood groups on the issues (Old Orchard Family Association provided great insight)
- m. Get an OONA footprint map
- n. Develop a website
- o. Check for deed restrictions on the Goddard Fields and Cheltenham Road Properties

6. The group agreed that we have to separate items on the table, and established a plan to address them:

- a. getting timely response into UT Strategic Planning Website -- a small group : Dick and Kathy Cromwell, Bill Petruzzi, Hugh Greffe, Kevin and Lynn Casper, Paul Moore, and Mark Valdez Depena agreed to craft/review a short letter that can be used by OONA and friends to submit into UT's Strategic Planning site as a comment

(<http://utoledomasterplan.org/>). The content of the letter will include a statement that I am an OONA member or supporter; support UT; have a common goal to maintain the greenspace buffer on the Bancroft corridor and adjacent streets; working together can help achieve our goals; oppose any development (parking lots, occupied buildings, etc.) in Old Orchard neighborhoods; believe in greenspace and sustainability concepts. The letter writing group will bring the letter to our March 12th meeting.

b. organizing the neighborhood under OONA to open dialogue with UT -this will be discussed at the OONA on March 12th at Hope Lutheran Church. Several neighbors had excellent thoughts on how to organize/structure the group. A leadership team will need to be established. Once established, we can initiate dialogue with UT. In the interim, we are notifying UT leadership (Matt) that OONA has formed, we want to talk and will be submitting comments to the UT Strategic Plan via the website. Also, that the OONA leadership will be reaching out to request a formal meeting.

7. Action Items/Volunteer(s) :

- a. Notify UT of OONA formation and want a task force meeting with UT - Dick and Bill
- b. Craft letter for OONA member and supporter use in submittal of comment to UT Strategic Planning website (<http://utoledomasterplan.org/>) - Dick and Kathy Cromwell, Bill Petruzzi, Hugh Grefe, Kevin and Lynn Casper, Paul Moore, and Mark Valdez Depena
- c. Get an OONA footprint map - Paul Hollenbeck
- d. Get Information from the City on planned roadway expansion - Paul Hollenbeck
- e. Check 20/20 plan---???????
- f. Check in with Toledo Neighborhood Department---???????
- g. Develop a website to communicate - Bill Little and Aaron Grizannik

h. Schedule the March 12th 10:00 meeting at Hope Lutheran Church and send out to the groups - Dick and Kathy / Gail Mowry-----DONE and CONFIRMED-----see you there and forward this e-mail and invite your neighbors.

Please send Dick Cromwell (rcroms@gmail.com) names and e-mails that should be added

— Minutes compiled by Bill Petruzzi