

Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association was called to order at 9:05am on May 5, 2018 at Hope Lutheran by Dick Cromwell, President.

Present

50+ attendees.

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Status obtained by Keith Sparrow, Esq. who donated his time and filing dues. Donations and annual dues now tax deductible. Currently have about \$6,000 in OONA account.

Open Issues

1. Kay Bennett: 5/23 projected switchover from north side of Bancroft to south side. City has been responsive/gracious to all of her inquiries. Goddard Field (poles/power lines) still in holding pattern as Meg Adams from First Energy has not returned Dick Cromwell's weekly calls to her. UT/Jason Toth have been in conversation with First Energy as well.
2. Sustainability Committee. Tom Douglas proposed idea of making 1-2 people the 'go to' contacts with the City so that relationship can be established when issues are not being resolved. Doesn't mean Engage Toledo or other means shouldn't be tried by individuals first. Use liason(s) after first avenues are exhausted. Proposed that a memo to City officials be drafted so that they are alerted to this.
3. Review of current OONA Board Members whose terms are up. All are willing to continue serving. Keith Wilkowski moved for a slate of board members; 2nd by another audience member. Unanimous approval.

New Business

1. Heather Obert presented information she has gathered after an initial meeting with Green Fund folks at UT. This involves the concept of curbside food recycling for compost. UT would fund but OO participants would collaborate. Heather conducted a survey on the OONA FB group where 35 said yes to being interested; 24 said no; and 4 said they would help. She will keep us in the loop on future meetings as she gathers more information.

2. Fabric & Friends on May 22, 6-8 pm at Fusion Bistro. OO neighbor Pam Boyd Killion posted pics of children in Africa wearing dresses she's made. Those dresses were made, in part, by donations from YOU. She got such a loving response from all of us, that we thought it would be fun to shower her with some fabric, fringe and maybe a few drinks so that she can continue strong in this wonderful outreach. Open invitation on May 22 for all.

WISH LIST:

Small Kids' T-Shirts

Cotton and/or cotton blend fabrics

Trim (i.e. rick-rack)

Bandanas in any color

*Pam makes dresses infant size to size 16 so any size fabric can be utilized.

3. Kenwood Clean Up on May 19 9a-12p Currently have approximately 26 volunteers. Could use more! Link here to sign up: [Sign Up Genius for Kenwood Cleanup](#) Hoen's Nursery and Black Diamond have made generous donations to make this happen. Land Art is donating lawn treatment throughout the summer. Neighbor Pat Holmberg is donating water for volunteers. Meet up at Kenwood/Barrington. Bring tools! (**Sandy Jones award to be presented; Theresa Harrington to reach out to Larry Conway, long-time resident on Kenwood who has spent years nurturing the boulevard gardens)
4. OO Garage Sale. Flyers will not be distributed door to door this year. Electronic form can be found here: [Garage Sale Registration Form 2018](#) The \$5 registration will be the same as usual either through PayPal or dropped off at Family Group Treasurer's home. All instructions are found on the link above. Sale Date is June 9 9a-3p.
5. Garden Tours on June 10 11a-5p Visit www.OldOrchardGardens.org for ticket information, map of participating gardens. A host of fantastic sponsors and a hard-working committee are rejuvenating a tradition in our community. Please come support and enjoy.
6. Westgate/Sears/Elder Beerman futures discussed. Pat Holmberg suggested OONA reach out to Elizabeth Holland, grand-daughter of Westgate owner. Tom Douglas spoke about what is actually owned by Westgate vs Others.

7. Pat Holmberg suggested OONA send letter to Police Chief thanking him for increased TPD presence in last few months.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 by Dick Cromwell, President. Next meeting TBA.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Meyer, OONA Board Member