

OLD ORCHARD NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

Minutes: June 4, 2016 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order by OONA organizer Richard Cromwell.

First item of business was consideration of the OONA Code of Regulations which were presented at prior meeting. After Motion to Approve and Second, the Code was unanimously adopted.

The status of the OONA application for 501(c)(3) status from the IRS was discussed; Mark Mockensturm was unable to be present and the matter was tabled. Pat Holmberg commented that the IRS would want to insure that OONA was aware of need for diversity in membership and officers.

Cromwell presented a slate of officers for the association comprised of residents who have been active in the formative stages, with committees, and expressed an interest in serving.

Elected unaminously on motion to approve the slate from Barb Wilknowski with a second from David Montgomery, were 11 members to 2-year and 3-year terms:

Dick Cromwell, Keith Sparrow, Paul Hollenbeck, Gail Mowry and Kevin Casper were elected to two year terms.

Dale Emch, Kay Bennett, Mark Valdes-DePena, Heather Meyers, Gretchen DeBacker and Brent Lohman were elected to three year terms.

Cromwell said that the existing committees would remain.

Cromwell and Emch reported that the University of Toledo foundation appears determined to complete the transfer of the residential property it acquired on the east side of Cheltenham – the two residences were demolished – to UT. The real estate currently is zoned single-family residential. The transfer would impact the OONA ability to challenge zoning once the land is owned by UT as zoning laws would not apply.

Brent Lohman reported that plans for gateway signage or structures are in the loose formative stage.

OONA attention is directed to the City of Toledo plans for roundabouts at on Secor Road at the Bancroft and Kenwood intersections – roundabouts are a prerequisite for federal funding for the proposed widening of Secor Road. The two intersections are in the top 20 of accident occurrence in the City. Kay Bennett reported that there is a meeting at Gesu Church on June 14 for the city to explain the roundabout at Bancroft and Parkside.

Kay said that more than 100 persons attended a city information session at Ottawa Hills Elementary School and were subjected to some salty language. Roundabouts and the taking of houses along Secor in the village were hot issues at this meeting.

Mark Valdes-DePena reported that the Sustainability Committee had considered ways to address residents' concerns about parking and enforcement of zoning rules which prohibit more than three unrelated individuals from sharing a dwelling in a single-family zoned area. He noted that Mike Beazly, an Old Orchard resident and John Madigan, former city law director, have been a resource for the committee.

Parking enforcement on those streets bordering UT remains a problem, Mark said, and an issue is how to identify how long a particular vehicle has been parked in a time-limited area. There needs to be some process, Mark said, for time-stamping parked cars.

Mark said that a good resource is a City of Toledo website: <http://toledo.oh.gov/engage-toledo/see-click-fix>. There also is an smartphone app which allows residents to report problems to the city.

Following adjournment, the Board had a brief meeting and elected Cromwell president; Emch vice-president; Sparrow secretary, and Gail Mowry treasurer.