

## **Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2020. Old North Davis Neighborhood Association (ONDNA)**

Our meeting convened at 6:00 pm via Zoom, due to social distancing and good sense.. (Secretary's note— This was ONDNA's Annual Meeting, and distributing printed door fliers was suspended in response to maintaining distancing). In the spirit of informing neighbors of our meeting, printed public notices of our meeting were posted in the neighborhood.

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**Attendees:** ONDNA Board members present were: John Meyer, Steve Tracy, Angela Willson, Greg Frantz, Lucas Welch, and Gerrit Mulholland . Other attendees were Marian Stephenson, John Lofland, Elma Garner, Cyndi Marshall, Karen Moore, Dennis Dingemans, Kim Deyoung, and Dave Deyoung.

**Start Meeting.** The minutes for our August, 27 meeting were approved without changes. The agenda for the current meeting was also approved with no changes or additions. Our bank account has not changed.

**Election of New Board Members.** Current Board members Steve Tracy and Greg Frantz agreed to remain as members. Tony Martin, a former member of the ONDNA board in the past, agreed to serve on the Board again. A quorum of Old North attendees agreed to the selection of these Board members. All will serve two-year terms. The current Board now consists of John Meyer, Angela Willson, Steve Tracy, Greg Frantz, Lucas Welch, Gerrit Mulholland, and Tony Martin. We welcome Mr. Martin to the Board.

**Neighborhood Projects.** A property on Elmwood Street is scheduled for demolition, and the City of Davis Historical Commission will apparently review the property's merit according to the Commission's guidelines. The relevance of this project to Old North Davis is presently unclear.

The recent owner of a property at 618 F Street discussed plans for a remodel of this property. The Board was supportive of the project, as It represents a significant positive investment and is designed in character with our neighborhood design guidelines. There was also an understanding that an exception to the usual five-foot setback for the garage/accessory dwelling unit was reasonable due to a special circumstance of an existing swimming pool that would not allow this.

**Police Advisory Board.** The issue of "defunding" the police has been discussed in the context of how better to serve the City of Davis . Committees have been formed to examine this issue.

**Tree Planting.** Planting new trees to fill in gaps in Old North will be done by Tree Davis, and will not involve community participation. Planting additional sycamores is not recommended, due to this species' propensity to disease. Other species may be more well suited— elms, hackberry, and red oak are possible choices. Recent plantings of chitalpas have not found favor, due to branch drop and poor growth

habit. John Meyer offered to contact Tree Davis with our tree preferences. Residents will be contacted prior to new plantings, which are scheduled for January of next year.

**Road Resurfacing.** This is supposed to begin in September on D and E Streets between 5th Street and 8th Street (7th Street, for E Street)., and include a 4-way stop sign at 6th Street at D Street. We have been told that historic WPA curbstones marking the dates when our streets were built would be preserved, and this apparently will be respected in the resurfacing project. Construction on the resurfacing has yet to begin as of this meeting.

**Neighborhood Alleys.** Maintenance of our alleys is an issue that affects neighbors who have garages that open on to them and use them regularly. Un-pruned vegetation from houses that border the alleys can cause cosmetic damage (ie, scratches) to cars driving down them, and the grade of the alleys also allows water to flow into garages that are lower than the grade of the alleys. High speeds are also a concern (alley speed limits are 15 mph). The Board felt that these issues would be best addressed on an individual basis rather than as a neighborhood request. To address all of our alleys be reconstructed and/or maintained by the City of Davis.

**In General.** Regarding the issues concerning our neighborhood discussed at this and other meetings, President John Meyer suggested that a walk-around of our neighborhood with our future District City Council person (whoever that may be after the upcoming election), would be in our interest, and said he would draft a letter to appropriate City officials suggesting this. An excellent idea, John, and we thank you for offering to do this

**Other Business.** Due to time constraints, two agenda items were postponed until our next meeting— these were consideration of ways to enhance ONDNA's website and an update on neighborhood outreach (eg, a neighborhood phone tree).

**Our meeting was adjourned at about 7:10 pm.** Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, from 6-7pm via Zoom, where Board officers will be selected.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Frantz, Acting ONDNA Secretary, September 17, 2020.