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Minutes of ONDNA meeting of September 4, 2025

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Board Members Present: Dave DeYoung, Melody Boyer, Marnelle Gleason, Jennifer Figueroa, Angela Willson

Board Members Absent: Elma Gardner, Karen Gellen

Others present: Stephanie Dukes

Guest speaker: Jason Sullivan-Halpern, Executive Director of Purple Tree Café

Review and Approval of Agenda: Agenda unanimously approved.

Minutes: Notes taken at the End of the Year meeting on June 12, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Marnelle reported a balance of $493.07. Discussion about how we could raise money. Suggestions included neighborhood garage sale and house tours around the holidays.

Purple Tree Café: Jason Sullivan-Halpern had a power point presentation explaining what the purpose of the Purple Tree Café is and how he hopes that organizations and neighborhood associations can be aware of their business. Purple Tree Café was established in 2018. It is based out of the Davis Community Church. It has a dual mission: “to provide community-based, integrated employment opportunities to people with disabilities at competitive wages and to bring people with and without disabilities together through food, art, and music.” Disabled individuals are employed by Purple Tree Café to produce and sell vegan and wheat-free baked goods and organic beverages. They currently do so at the Davis Farmers Market, the UC Davis Mind Institute, and other community and private events held in Davis and Sacramento. They also provide workshops on how to write a resume and how to look for a job. They also host a Davis Hootenanny which is a live music event for people with and without disabilities at Delta of Venus monthly. Recently the Purple Tree Café was awarded the All Things Right and Relevant Grant from the Yolo Community Foundation. The grant is $55,000 per year and is renewable for up to 5 years. The purpose of the grant is to provide employment and job development to people with mental health diagnoses in Davis and Sacramento. Most employees stay on for about 2 years before transitioning to regular jobs. The impact of the Purple Tree Café on our community is less unemployment for youths with disabilities. The Purple Tree Café can also use volunteers.

Police Department Community Advisory Board: No meetings were held during the summer. Angela reported that the Davis PD was looking into the loud explosions at night that were being reported throughout the city. She also said there was nothing definitive yet about the future of Picnic Day.

Election of Officers: The election will take place at our next meeting when we have all board members present.

Developing Sense of Pride/Community in OND: Neighbor’s Night out is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2025. This is a city sponsored event for all neighborhoods in Davis. Location for our gathering will be at 528 C Street. Marnelle is the contact person and Melody will assist her with coordinating the event. The city will provide the door hangers, which will need to be distributed. Announcement of time (3-5 p.m.) and location will be posted on our Facebook page as well as added to our website’s calendar.

Project Updates: Natalie’s Corner is open (free of charge) and being used frequently. Hours are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The Davis Joint Unified School District property on B Street is still status quo. However, there is a parcel of land in south Davis that is being vacated by UC Davis. No details are provided regarding this opportunity. It is likely that the school district offices will remain at the B Street property until at least 2027. It has been a very slow process with little movement.

The request for a 4-way stop at E and 6th Streets has been denied. Public works said there is no justification for the stop signs as there are no blind sports. However, ONDNA will continue to request this as it is a safety concern.

A discussion regarding the parking permit issue for all OND will be addressed at a future meeting. Since the Lumberyard development (former Hibbert Lumber property) has been stalled, the need for addressing possible parking problems is not imminent.

OND Website: Stephanie reported that the email distribution group will need to be looked at because there are still some issues.

Pending: Progressive dinner, oversight of tree canopy restoration, Newman Center historical analysis, roster/phone tree, naming alleys.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is October 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melody Boyer, Secretary