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**Old North Davis Neighborhood Association (ONDNA)  
Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 19, 2019**

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm at Hattie Weber Museum, 445 C Street

**Attendees:** ONDNA Board members present: Greg Frantz, John Meyer, Steve Tracy, Lucas Welch and Angela Willson.

Board member unable to attend: Rain Watson, Gerrit Mulholland

Other neighbors and attendees: Heather Bischel, Dennis Dingemans, Chris Neufeld-Erdman, Karen Moore, Patricia Neufeld, Marian Stephenson

**Introductions/Announcements.** John Meyer mentioned that he will move this item to the beginning of the agenda for future meetings.

**Approve Agenda.** The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes:** Greg Frantz moved, second by Angela Willson to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Tracy reported there have been no changes to the balance of the association checking account.

**Neighborhood Projects.** The 628 C Street project was discussed. It was acknowledged that city staff had developed a new internal checklist to better assess the scope of demolition within remodel projects.

**Newman Center Announcement.** John Meyer referenced an article in the Davis Enterprise reporting on the closure of the Newman Center's sanctuary and office building. In the new year, ONDNA will reach out to the contact mentioned within the article to underscore our interest in development actions related to the property including demolition of these structures. It was suggested that the city be contacted to alert ONDNA of any demolition permits under consideration.

**Recent Robbery on 500 Block of E Street.** John Lofland had circulated a news article reporting on a robbery on the 500 block of E Street. This follows a carjacking months before on D Street. Angela Willson suggested, and the board concurred, that an update on her participation in the Police Department's Community Advisory Board be a standing item on future ONDNA agendas.

**Update on Draft Letter Regarding City Street Trees.** Steve Tracy reported that he had been in contact with appropriate individuals about the desire of ONDNA to have taller tree planted as part of a new grant program. It was understood that this would be in locations without overhead wires. He believed that sending a letter as previously discussed was no longer necessary.

**4-way Stop Signs at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Intersections.** John Meyer communicated with city staff on this matter. A response is expected early in 2020.

**Review Map of New City Council District Boundaries.** A map was shared outlining the boundaries for newly established districts for the city council. Old North is represented by District 3. An update on the timing of the election for District 3 will be prepared for the next meeting.

**Downtown Davis Plan.** John Meyer presented a draft comment letter in response to the draft Downtown Plan was released October 14. A 90-day comment period ends January 14, 2020. He provided an overview of issues he believes most affect Old North. These focus on G Street north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The plan shows redevelopment north of the Coop to Sweet Briar. It also shows similar new zoning for the “Hibbert Block.” A challenge with the entire plan is that the downtown consists of many small lots and there are limited opportunities to undertake projects which are of a large enough scale to be feasible. These two northern G Street lots do provide such opportunities. A concern is that the new zoning proposal allows a very urban form with up to four stories with the building coming right to the sidewalk. The 4<sup>th</sup> story would have to be stepped back 15 feet from the edge of the building. ONDNA’s longstanding view is that transitions to more intense development requires a thoughtful transition. As the plan is currently recommended, such a transition seems too stark.

Those in attendance discussed many issues related to the draft plan including scale of the proposed zoning, treatment of areas that may have structures with a historic designation, and whether the proposed regulatory zoning appropriately included design concepts reflected in the plan.

John requested comments and suggested edits to the letter. Given that final comments are due to the city on January 14, the Board agreed to moved its January meeting up one week—**the Board will meet next on January 9** so final comments on the draft letter may be considered.

**Review of ALTA Traffic Calming Plan.** To be considered at next meeting.

**Preparation of Board Roster.** No discussion.

**ONDNA Service Committee/Phone Tree.** No discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum.

Preliminary list of agenda items for next meeting:

- Discussion and final comments on draft letter on Downtown Plan
- Review of ALTA traffic calming plan
- Review draft board roster: clarify terms of office
- Update of 4-way stop sign request
- Update on Police Department Community Advisory Board
- Council District Election Update

*Respectfully submitted by John Meyer, ONDNA President, January 6, 2020*