

Old North Davis Neighborhood Association

For residents of the Old North Davis neighborhood in Davis, California

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Draft BOARD Minutes – March 19th, 2015, Old North Davis Neighborhood Organization

Meeting convened at 6:06 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C. St.) by Chair Steve Tracy

Attendees (10) introduced: voting Board Members President Steve Tracy, Vice-President Angela Willson, Treasurer Kathleen Groody, Secretary Dennis Dingemans, Greg Frantz; others: Marion Stevenson, Kemble Pope, Becky Hibbert, Cyndi Marshall, Steve Penniman.

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1). Treasury: little change from February's \$880.37. Minutes of January 16th and February 19th approved without change. Angela noted with alarm indications that the City is again contemplating the development of Civic Center Park (for City Hall expansion; for fund-raising to renovate City Hall; to achieve "infill" policies); Board support for continued park use was strong.

2). Election Committee report by Kemble Pope: last night they (Kemble, Marilyn Underwood, Brett Hewitt) met and planned a vigorous effort to get seven candidates & a maximum board.

3). Various attendees noted their observations of significant construction/renovation to a house in the 500 (odd) block of G Street; no consultation with ONDNA had taken place before permits were issued; this expansion of commercial uses in a mixed-use block makes it sensitive.

4). Motion (5y/0n) by Dingemans/Groody: "ONDNA Board will formally request the City to use the 500 foot notification distance as a trigger for alerting ONDNA of proposed "out of area but nearby" projects – and ONDNA will continue to make comments on broader issues and more distant projects as we see

fit)”.

5). Steve observed that the Tuesday CC vote to remove parking from 700 to 1400 B was unanimous and non-controversial, in part due to ONDNA's support for adding eastern 700 block of B houses to the N Parking District (and adding some 9 or so “N Space” designations on the south side of 7th between B and D. Becky noted RR-related congestion at her lumber yard access points on 5th; others reported widespread perception that 5th Street reconfiguration “works”. More discussion of “divots” on 8th/RR, B, and 6th/G elaborated on ADA rules for “level” handicapped access routes from sidewalks to street lanes.

6). Steve reported that he queried Mike Webb at the CC Tuesday (a lobby conversation) and learned that Community Development staff regard the Consultant's OND traffic calming plan as a dead issue. The role of ONDNA in “pulling the plug” on a revised N Parking District was discussed; ONDNA had proposed a fund-raising revision (selling N permits to non-ONDNA parkers) to pay for traffic calming in ONDNA but City Staff inserted a poison pill into the proposed revision (unlimited free N permits for the CoOp).

7). There was little sentiment for buying additional “OND” street signs until the issue of pedestal OND signs (on our edges: 7th, B, 5th) was explored as a traffic calming measure. Lofland's alertness in recovering a previously stolen OND sign was noted with approval.

MEETING COMPLETED at 7:02.

[Comments and Revisions to this draft: to Dennis at rddd@dcn.org; 753-5959; 645 C Street]

2). Council action on 2nd Unit policy changes. Staff Report made it clear that our OND was exempt from changes, as were all areas subject to the “Design Guidelines” of 2001. The anticipated “pre-approved designs” were, regrettably, not included in the staff report. CC action and Staff Report will be posted/circulated when obtained in accurate form.

3). Discussed but not acted on: proposed ONDNA policy on Board comments supplied to “out-of'-area” projects (to limit comments unless the item is located within 500 feet of ONDNA area).

4). Review of progress on City street improvements. Fifth (A to L): 50+ problems reported by Tracy to City but no response was yet received. B Street (7th to 14th): City Staff is suggesting removal of all parking; motion (Dingemans/Frantz) approved (by 4 to 0) to “Advise City that ONDNA Board favorably entertains an extension of the N-District Boundaries to include the east side of B Street between 7th Street and the southern edge of the Canadian Apartments – with anticipation that these former B Street parkers will be mostly using the south side of 7th Street between B and D Streets.” Eighth Street repainting is mostly done and non-controversial. Citywide paving plan: the draft of time-priority map that paved first some low-use and loop streets (ex: College Park; Elmwood; Parkside; Oak Street; Miller) seems to have been withdrawn.

5) & 6). Consideration of revising N-District parking policies was discussed but no voting action was taken. The revision was conceptualized last year as a fund-raiser to pay for traffic calming in ONDNA.

Kemble offered (without objection) to write a letter on behalf of ONDNA Board requesting of Planning Director Mike Webb that he inform us of the nature and prospects for the “traffic calming measures in areas impacted by the 5th Street Corridor Upgrade”; particularly, he/we will ask for the status of the map of planned calming measures in ONDNA that was produced several years ago pursuant to a \$10,000 grant awarded to Alta Design.

7). Alley potholes and alley intrusive vegetation: without a vote, enthusiasm was expressed for a Sunday Afternoon work party to trim vegetation and perhaps identify particular potholes in the 15 foot wide alley corridors between C/D, D/E, E/F, F/G; it was noted that Public Works guidelines should be requested in advance as to locating the 15 foot wide right of way.

8). Several proposed that the spring social event this year be separated from the “Annual Business Meeting.” A vote of 4/0 approved the Dingemans/Tracy motion: “ONDNA’s 2015 social event will be on Sunday May 31st and the all-ONDNA business meeting will be on Thursday June 4th.”

Meeting Done at 7:30. Minutes by Dennis – comments to 753-5959 or “rddd@dcn.org”

February Minutes

Minutes – February 19th, 2015, Board, Old North Davis Neighborhood Organization

APPROVED by ONDNA Board on March 19th, 2015 (vote: 4y-1a-0n)

Meeting convened at 6:06 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C. St.) by Chair Steve Tracy. Meeting ended 7:30. Minutes by Dennis (753-5959 or rddd@dcn.org).

Attendees (13) introduced: voting Board Members Treasurer Kathleen Groody, Secretary Dennis Dingemans, Greg Frantz; others: Dan Quickert, Marion Stevenson, Kemble Pope, John Lofland, Becky Hibbert, Cyndi Marshall, Steve Penniman, Bret Hewitt, Marilyn Underwood.

1). Treasury: \$880.37. Minutes of November 20th and January 16th circulated for mark-up. Dennis reported on the quick sale of 612 C Street (6 days; 19 viewers; 4 bids to \$490,000; “as is”; 1200 square feet; a 1917 Peddar Bungalow). Quickert ventured that bylaw revision action of last spring was illegitimate (b/c they were amended at the meeting).

2). Council action on 2nd Unit policy changes. Staff Report made it clear that our OND was exempt from changes, as were all areas subject to the “Design Guidelines” of 2001. The anticipated “pre-approved designs” were, regrettably, not included in the staff report. CC action and Staff Report will be posted/circulated when obtained in accurate form.

3). Discussed but not acted on: ONDNA will formally request the City to use the 500 foot notification as a trigger for alerting ONDNA of proposed “out of area” projects (and, ONDNA will continue to make comments on broader issues and more distant projects as we see fit).

4). Review of progress on City street improvements.

4.1 Fifth (A to L): some problems persist with the features as installed on the street, which the City is still working on.

4.2 B Street (7th to 14th): City Staff is (we hope) suggesting removal of all parking all of the time on B from 7th to 14th; motion (Dingemans/Frantz) approved (by 4 to 0) to “Advise City that ONDNA Board favorably entertains an extension of the N-District Boundaries to include the east side of B Street between 7th Street and the southern edge of the Canadian Apartments – with anticipation that these former B Street parkers will be mostly using the south side of 7th Street between B and D Streets.”

4.3 Eighth Street repainting is mostly done and non-controversial.

4.4 Citywide paving plan: the draft of a time-priority map that paved first some low-use and loop streets (ex: College Park, Elmwood, Parkside) seems to have been withdrawn.

5) & 6). Consideration of revising N-District parking policies was discussed but no additional voting action was taken. The revision was conceptualized last year as a funding mechanism to pay for traffic calming in ONDNA. Kemble offered (without objection) to write a letter on behalf of ONDNA Board requesting of Planning Director Mike Webb that he inform us of the nature and prospects for the “traffic calming measures in areas impacted by the 5th Street Corridor Upgrade”; particularly, he/we will ask for the status of the map of proposed calming measures in OND that was produced several years ago pursuant to a \$10,000 contract with Alta Design.

7). Alley potholes & intrusive vegetation: a Sunday work party proposed to trim vegetation in the 15 foot alleys between C/D, D/E, E/F, F/G. Tracy is to contact Public Works about implications (and permission) where citizens do maintenance in the Public Right-of-Way.

8). Social event and “Annual Business Meeting:” Vote of 4/0 approved the Dingemans/Tracy motion: “ONDNA’s 2015 social event will be on Sunday May 31st and the all-ONDNA business meeting will be on Thursday June 4th.”

January

MINUTES (OK’d 3/19/15 5y0n):

January 16, 2015, Board Meeting : Old North Davis Neighborhood Association.

Meeting convened at 6:10 at Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) by chair Steve Tracy.

Attendees introduced, some arrived after the start; voting board members were Chair Tracy, Vice-chair Angela Willson, Treasurer Kathleen Groody, Secretary Dennis Dingemans, Greg Frantz; others: Dan Quickert, Marion Stevenson, Kemble Pope, Becky Hibbert, Marilyn Underwood, Cyndi Marshall, _____ Steve? from 600x E., Brett Hewitt, Hanh Le.

1). Agenda was adjusted, adding item #2. Consideration of November Minutes delayed. Treasurer: \$880.37. Holiday parade assistance by ONDNA was part of big and wonderful event; KP suggested next year we coordinate/encourage holiday lights on houses.

2). The City is about to debate (P.C./Jan; C.C./Feb) changes proposed by staff regarding “second units” — a.k.a. “Grannie Flats” or “accessary dwellings”. Logic includes “simplifying” approvals and encouraging more housing. Several anticipated changes were subject to a straw poll of all present. Endorsed by a majority: “allowing 10% of the lot to be covered is a problem for me”; “allowing 30’ height as a right is a problem for me”; “allowing 3 foot sideyard is a problem for me”; “allowing 3 foot alley setback is OK with me”; “pre-approved sample plans are OK with me”. By vote of 5-0-0 directed Chair to report poll to City Manager and request an interactive workshop discussion when full proposal is known.

3). Discussion continued from November on role of ONDNA in commenting on non-ONDNA proposals. Several examples from previous years of ONDA taking a position were cited. Some wanted a formal role in commenting rather than the past’s more informal and uneven “courtesy comments” when requested.

4). Street projects were discussed. Fifth Street is due for some further “tune ups” but seems boffo. B Street from 7th to 14th is in flux. Eighth Street awaits restriping and speed-limit proposals from staff. Citywide repaving priorities haven’t been articulated but some prestige neighborhoods have been given lowered priorities than were first announced.

5) & 6). As requested by the Board, Chair talked with City Manager about re-proposing our revised parking district (goal: to raise \$) and about getting the consultant’s proposal for ONDNA’s traffic calming into active funding discussion. Some encouragement was received.

7). Street tree losses were lamented. Owner obligation to water and protect these was reiterated. Availability of some \$ for tree work was noted (residual of School District’s contribution to ONDNA’s street tree planting program as compensation for Aleppo Pines).

8). The state of the alleys was lamented (potholes, dust, high grade and associated flooding, untrimmed vegetation encroachments, speeding, intrusive ad hoc parkers); positive example of the privately-funded rehabilitated 600 block of B/C was praised.

MEETING COMPLETED at 7:20.

[comments and changes to Dennis rddd@dcn.org; 645 C; 753-5959]

August Minutes

6:00 pm Thursday, August 21, 2014 – Hattie Weber Museum

Draft Minutes – Old North Davis Neighborhood Association

For fuller description of these minutes, see Nextdoor.com

Meeting convened at 5:40 pm at Hattie Weber Museum. Present Steve Tracy, Angela Willson, Kathleen Groody, Dennis Dingemans, and Greg Frantz. Guest Marian Stephenson was present, and Dan Quickert briefly.

Initial Business

- The Treasurer reported \$850.37 in our bank account. The Board moved to add a second member to the account.
- Agenda additions: B/C alley resurfacing, tree health, residents living in cars, website status, LED lights, Neighbors Nite Out, meeting start time
- Announcements
 - B/C Alley to be repaved soon with recycled B Street asphalt
 - ONDNA Neighborhood Yard Sale will be Sept. 13th from 9am to noon
 - Property owner reported to City that people are living in a car on east 6th. The Board chose not to make an additional complaint.
 - ONDNA is almost out of replacement neighborhood street signs
 - A Willson has done significant work on ONDNA website. Check it out.
 - Meeting start time will now be 6 pm unless altered for a good reason.
 - Neighbors Nite Out Oct 12 at 4pm, 642 D Street, finger food potluck.
 - Many trees in Old North are struggling, will monitor and work with City
 - LED lights bother some residents. Tall poles part of the problem.

2. Purpose of Meetings.

- No discussion interest. See Association Bylaws for purpose statement.
- Board members should be clear on their views vs wider resident views.

3. Status of Street Projects

- Fifth Street – Overall success with flaws in the details: All pedestrian refuges too narrow, traffic signals don't trigger, signal timing is suspect.
- B Street – Old lane striping and parking between 7th and 8th Streets was replaced. Residents will be engaged in the fall.
- Street repaving – Seems stalled. Consult the City website for updates.

4. Parking District

- Tracy to ask for fresh start, with a re-iteration of ONDNA's proposal and a more realistic revenue analysis. B St residents may remain opposed.

5. Neighborhood Plan

- Tracy will ask for formal transmittal to be reviewed in September.

6. Alley Maintenance

- Tracy to draft letter to City to request shrubbery removal.

7. Request for ONDNA Notification by City of Development Projects

- Tracy will ask for formal notification program to be re-instituted.

Adjourn 7:10 pm

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