

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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October 23, 2017

Whetstone Library Meeting Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Robert Palmer. Fifteen residences represented (including officers).

MINUTES for the July 18, 2017 meeting

Approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Executive Committee (President Bob Palmer):

- Meeting with Columbus city Public Service Department regarding storm sewers and street improvements
 - President Palmer and VP Alexander attending meeting October 16th regarding BLUEPRINT Columbus: eliminating rain water from sanitary sewers to prevent sewage overflow into the Olentangy River—project impacting 17 areas in the city, including Old Beechwold. Noted that all OB residents received a letter September 12, 2017, with notification of field survey project commencing in our neighborhood (part of Step 1 of project, to result in preliminary recommendations and design). President Palmer provided a summary of the meeting and included a brief overview of BLUEPRINT Columbus **Attachment 1**
 - **Any additional questions regarding this project in general or the impact on our neighborhood should be addressed to Leslie Westerfelt** (contact information on Attachment 1) at the Department of Public Utilities—President Palmer does not have additional information other than that provided in the meeting summary
- No further information from Delawanda liaison regarding Graceland apartment project. Apparently Casto is continuing to work on financing the project
 - Question raised regarding ownership of property west of projected Casto project—President Palmer to address

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- Executive Committee is discussing request for a formal survey of property lines along High Street area. This has been prompted by the efforts of the Arbor Committee to beautify this region.
 - Suggestion to ask City for survey—President Palmer to address

President's Report (Bob Palmer):

- Discussion regarding concerns about recent parking of residential and commercial vehicles on the grass in Jastram Park—President Palmer reports that parking here or on other city property parkland is prohibited.
 - Suggestion that special email be sent out to remind residents that these are not areas for parking

Vice President's Report (John Alexander):

- VP Alexander provided third quarter HRC/HPO actions/approvals/denials
Attachment 2
- Communications with Old Beechwold residents
 - Executive Committee has hired a third-party website designer/maintainer at reasonable rate to update and improve OBA website for resident information and communication. Executive Committee members to “trial” a test site for ease of use
 - VP Alexander recently sent an email to residents asking for 4-5 people to begin a website administration committee—duties would be minimal and include monitoring postings, vetting a potential message board, and ensuring website remains updated with current information. Please consider volunteering!
- There was a significant amount of discussion regarding the creation of an OB directory. Issues raised included concerns for online posting due to security issues, inability to consistently keep paper directory current, and participation in the directory should be voluntary, with residents able to dictate what information they would wish to be published. This is an ongoing discussion within the Executive Committee, which will report back at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Leiter):

- Treasurer's report attached **Attachment 3**. 100 out of 136 households have paid dues to date (113 in 2016)
- Leaf pick-up for those OBA members that have paid 2017 dues will be the week of November 27th.
 - Discussion to consider a separate rate for snow removal, as benefits all residents?

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Arbor Committee (Lindalee Brownstein):

- Report provided by Lindalee **Attachment 4**

Social Committee (Stacia Clifton):

- Stacia unable to attend meeting. No report.

Elections Committee (Jack Jackson):

- Elections committee (Jack Jackson, Chair, Lindalee Brownstein, Stacia Clifton) presented their proposed 2018 Officer Slate
 - President Elect: John Alexander
 - VP: Steve Eastlake
 - Secretary: Dianne Radigan
 - Treasurer: Laura Philip
- There were no additional new nominations from the floor.
- Ballots will be sent out electronically to all residents that are current with OBA dues on December 1st, and will be tallied after Dec 31st. A paper ballot will be mailed to dues-current residents without a provided email address.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing Communications to be reflected in the minutes:

- Please provide your current email address to the OBA Secretary Kitty Mizelle-Bates kittster1@wowway.com so the OBA can communicate easily with you.
- The “Old-Beechwold-Assn. Google Group” is a neighborhood posting site to keep participating neighbors connected. It is to be used for the betterment of the neighborhood. **Please note your name and address in all postings if not apparent from your email address.** Go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/old-beechwold-assn> to join.
- To send an email to the neighborhood email list, address it to old-beechwold-assn@googlegroups.com. If you are not on this list, contact Kitty Mizelle-Bates.

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- The Old Beechwold website is www.oldbeechwold.org .

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, January 29, 2018 at Whetstone Library at 7:00pm.