

# *Old Beechwold Association*

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold Association Meeting  
January 28, 2020 – Whetstone Library Meeting Room

## **MINUTES**

President Greg Myers called meeting to order at 7 pm. Twenty-five residents, including officers, were represented. Greg called for minutes of October 28, 2019 meeting approved. They were approved.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Election Committee report (Stacia Clifton)**

Stacia read results from the 2020 OBA board elections. Of the 63 ballots cast, voting was almost unanimous for each candidate, with this year's board of Greg Myers, president; Cindy Lazarus, vice-president; Becca Donnally, treasurer; Melissa Sickles; secretary.

### **Treasurer's report (Becca Donnally)**

The association has an ending balance of \$15,615.91 as of 1/28/2020 (see attached report).

### **Historic District Actions report (Cindy Lazarus)**

- 44 W. Jeffrey Pl. – on 11/21/19 there was continuation of application regarding replacement windows to the next meeting
- 12 W. Jeffrey Pl. - reconstruct masonry porches approved
- 44 W. Jeffrey Pl. – on 12/12/19 application approved for removal of casement windows and installation of new Marvin Ultimate (cladwood) windows

### **Arbor Committee report (Lindalee Brownstein)**

- There will be an arbor committee meeting coming soon, if you'd like to join this committee, please contact Lindalee or anyone on the board for more information
- Update given on the pillars at neighborhood entrances – the areas around them have been cleaned up and committee is working with city to get approval for some plantings
- Will have a work day in April to rid invasive plants in the upper ravine. Date will be announced by email and signage around neighborhood. Bring your shears and work gloves and join the fun.

### **Social Committee report (Stacia Clifton)**

No social events planned for winter months.

### **Blueprint Committee (Joe Williams)**

Blueprint Committee has not met recently because the city has not provided any updated plans or timelines as of yet. Mike Griffith, project manager for the city of Columbus was in attendance and gave update:

- Plans are about 90% complete with items still in review and needing to be worked out.
- Hopes to be able to provide OBA Blueprint Committee with plans to review within another month.
- There will be a public meeting either in April or May to share copies of the final plan and answer neighbor's questions. Everyone will receive an invitation to this meeting.
- Once plans are final, they will go to EPA. Upon approval from EPA, the contractor bidding process takes place, which normally takes several months. Thoughts are that project may begin at the end of this year.
- The usual process of removing trees that may impede project is not happening in OBA thanks to several of our committees' continued work with the city. The plan is to retain as many of our trees as possible and instead, only remove trees that are damaged during the work.
- The general size, shape and thoughts of plantings for the two rain gardens were discussed. Selections of plants will be as deer-resistant as possible. The contractor will be responsible for replacing any damaged or dead plantings for two years.

### **No old or new business reported**

### **Guest Speaker**

Terri Gehr, a representative of Issue 21, spoke to our group. During the Franklin County Primary Election on March 17, 2020, this \$300 million dollar bond issue for improvements and updates to Columbus State will be on the ballot. Information at [www.citizensforcolumbusstate.com](http://www.citizensforcolumbusstate.com).

### **Good of the Order/Announcements**

Standing communications to be reflected in the minutes:

- Please provide your current email address to the OBA Secretary Melissa Sickles at [MelissaSickles@gmail.com](mailto:MelissaSickles@gmail.com) so the OBA can communicate easily with you.
  - The "Old-Beechwold-Association 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](mailto:old-beechwold-assn@googlegroups.com). If you are not on this list, contact Melissa Sickles
- The Old Beechwold website is [www.oldbeechwold.org](http://www.oldbeechwold.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

**\*\*\* Next Meeting is Monday, April 27, 2020 at Whetstone Library at 7:00pm. \*\*\***