

# Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold, Columbus, Ohio

## AGENDA

Monday, April 25, 2022 – 6:30 pm • Whetstone Library Meeting Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & OPENING**
  - A. Jennifer Alexander
  
- II. **APPROVAL OF REPORT, 1-31, 2022**
  - A. Jennifer Alexander
  
- III. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**
  - A. Treasurer's report - Laura Philip
    1. See attached report
    2. We are an association according to IRS, thus % of expenses that go towards certain things for the neighborhood (i.e. snow & leaf removal) as compared to expenses that are spent for everything else are specified and cannot exceed a certain ratio (90 neighborhood improvements /10 else)
  - B. Report of Historic District actions - Gail Mahaffey
    1. See attached report
    2. Reminder: Prior approval from HRC is required for any external improvements
  - C. Arbor Committee - Gregg Peace
    1. 350 saplings planted recently by the committee
    2. Litter pickup will continue to occur, please come join if you are able or during your walks - especially along High St.
    3. Some activities have been on hold for planning due to all of the construction
  - D. Social Committee - Kirsten Minnie
    1. Thank you to those who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt!
    2. Spring Fling Garden's Party - Weidner's and Real's on 15th of May, rain date of June 5th from 2-5pm, bring finger food appetizer or dessert
    3. Pop up parties - if you are interested in hosting one, contact Kirsten Minnie, she can provide a flock of flamingos to put in your yard :)
  
- IV. **INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**
  - A. City and Contractor Guests - For concerns related to the current infrastructure work, reach out to Bob, Rich or Jim at Resource International - contact information is below.

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1. Evan DiSanto (Division of Water) - [EMDiSanto@columbus.gov](mailto:EMDiSanto@columbus.gov)  
(curbs and gutters) 614-724-1265 (direct line)
  2. Darren Lee (Department of Public Services) - [DALee@columbus.gov](mailto:DALee@columbus.gov)  
614-645-2924
  3. Bob Mangaudis (Resource International) -  
[robertm@resourceinternational.com](mailto:robertm@resourceinternational.com) 774-261-0564
  4. Jim Norden (Resource International) -  
[jim@resourceinternational.com](mailto:jim@resourceinternational.com)
  5. Rick Darr (Resource International) [rickd@resourceinternational.com](mailto:rickd@resourceinternational.com)  
614-582-1611 (direct line)
  6. Jason Wendling (Elite Excavating) -  
[jasonwendling@eliteexcavating.com](mailto:jasonwendling@eliteexcavating.com), 419-683-4200
- B. Notes:
1. *Water:*
    - a) All water mains have been pressure tested, but not chlorinated yet. Once the work is done, they will chlorinate and then turn the water on via the new service lines. There may be a short disruption in service that will be communicated if/when necessary.
    - b) For concerns around fire hydrant placement, contact Evan DiSanto
    - c) Next steps - depend on Columbia Gas progress, potentially storm sewer work will be next before water line.
    - d) For those on High St. - your water lines will be tied in during a different project because the lines are tied into the back of the homes.
    - e) Lawn damage - There will be an extensive closeout process after the streets are paved to assess / restore damage
    - f) Rain gardens - there are plans and drawings, there's no concrete around it; plants were chosen in conjunction with OBA; designed to drain out within 48 hrs so should not present a mosquito problem; City will maintain them
  2. *Timeline from here forward:*
    - a) Northern half (W Beechwold and north) of the neighborhood has a goal to be completed by end of 2022
    - b) Overall project completion date into spring / summer 2023
  3. *Damage in the right of way that are owner's responsibilities*
    - a) Specifically where damage could have been prevented but isn't (i.e. stone walls) - these are noted to be home owners' responsibility if in the right of way
    - b) Contractors should be working to minimize damage
    - c) Let Bob Simmons or Rick Darr know if you have concerns or questions about damage, response will vary based on the situation
  4. *Curbs and gutters:*
    - a) The Historic Commission determined that curbs are not part of the historic landscape

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- b) Contractors are going off of plans that were approved; this means some existing curbs remain, some will be removed, and some will be added
  - c) Will generally remain uncurbed
  - d) Can curbs be put in at the cost of the homeowner?
    - (1) Curb replacement program (reimbursement from the city) is not for installing new curbs
    - (2) Connie Torbek of the Historic Commission states: Any requests for new curbs, where curbing does not exist, should be made to the Department of Public Service, at which time a recommendation would be requested from the Historic Resources Commission. There has been reference to a video shown on PBS about Old Beechwold and historic photos showing streets that include concrete curbing. The specific locations of the photos would need to be identified and documented if utilized for any request for new curbing or gutters where they do not currently exist.
    - (3) Note that any new curbs could impact the new sewer system as well, which could mean more rain gardens or other water management alterations
    - (4) They are installing 200 storm structures (i.e. manhole, grates) to manage rainwater
      - (a) City's responsibility to maintain these structures and keep leaves and debris from covering them up
  - e) Roads are going out to original width limits, not necessarily where they are currently; some turning radiuses have been widened; they are minor
    - (1) Advance notice will be provided before paving and roads may not be useable for ~4 hrs
5. *Big rocks / gravel currently on the roads will be raked from the road surface and be replaced with a more appropriately size aggregate material*

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Proposed Shared Use Path Updates - Jennifer Alexander

- 1. May 5th CAC will re-vote as to whether or not they support the shared use path; anyone can attend; Jennifer will present on behalf of Old Beechwold. We should try to make a point that if they do re-affirm that we have specifications in mind that we would like to see (size, shape, foliage, etc.)
- 2. If they do approve the path, we believe (personal opinion) the city will work with us to make the path more palatable to the community

## VI. QUESTION & ANSWER

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## Historic Commission Report

Most Recent Old Beechwold Decisions

April 25, 2022

HC Mtg Date

Dec 16, 21	HR-21-12-019	88 West Royal Forest Blvd	Replace wood shingles with
asphalt	Approved 4-0-0		as "test case"
	HR-21-12-020	35 West Jeffrey Place	New sunken patio and
modify	Approved 4-0-0		existing deck
	HR-21-12-020b	35 West Jeffrey Place	Continuation to allow
applicant time	Continuation 4-0-0		to submit revised landscape
plan	Approved		
	HR-21-12-004	177 West Jeffrey Place	New windows
	Staff Approved		
	HR-21-12-009	108 West Jeffrey Place	Replace/repair gutters and
downspouts	Staff Approved		
Feb 17, 22	HR-21-12-02b	35 West Jeffrey Place	Continuation to allow
applicant time	Continuation 3-0-0		to submit revised landscape
plan	Approved		
	HR-22-02-01	35 West Jeffrey Place	Modify sunken patio by
including	Approved 3-0-0		second stairway

**Reminder – Prior approval and Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the Historic Preservation Commission for all exterior renovation including landscaping and tree removal.**

For specific information or to file an application, contact Connie Torbeck at [cltorbeck@columbus.gov](mailto:cltorbeck@columbus.gov) or at 614-645-0664

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Additional Historic Commission information can be found at

<https://www.columbus.gov/planning/hrc/>

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Treasurer's Report							
March 31, 2022							
				Total			
<b>1/1/2022</b>							
<b>beginning</b>							
<b>balance</b>				<b>\$ 16,887.05</b>			
Deposits							
Dues							
Arbor							
Donations							
Disbursments							
Arbor/herbici							
de/mulch							
Snow							
removal				(989.01)			
Office							
supplies-zoo							
m, checks,							
stamps				(161.14)			
Squarespace				(309.60)			
Social							
Committee							
Leaf pickup							
<b>3/31/2022</b>							
<b>ending</b>							
<b>balance</b>				<b>\$ 15,427.30</b>			
				<b>Total</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Arbor</b>	<b>Donations</b>
<b>1/1/2022</b>				<b>\$ 16,887.05</b>	<b>\$ 10,065.63</b>	<b>\$ 6,471.42</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

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<b>beginning balance</b>							
Deposits							
Dues/Arbor/ Donations							
Disbursements							
Arbor/herbicide/mulch							
Snow removal				(989.01)	(989.01)		
Office supplies-zoom, checks, stamps				(161.14)	(161.14)		
Squarespace				(309.60)	(309.60)		
Social Committee							
Leaf pickup							
<b>3/31/2022 ending balance</b>				<b><u>\$ 15,427.30</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,605.88</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,471.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 350.00</u></b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Arbor</b>	<b>Donations</b>
<b>1/1/2022 beginning balance</b>				<b>\$ 16,887.05</b>	<b>\$ 10,065.63</b>	<b>\$ 6,471.42</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
Deposits							
Disbursements				\$ (1,459.75)	\$ (1,459.75)		
<b>3/31/2022 ending balance</b>				<b><u>\$ 15,427.30</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,605.88</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,471.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 350.00</u></b>