

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold Association Meeting
October 28, 2019
Whetstone Library Meeting Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Greg Myers. Thirty-six residents were represented (including officers).

MINUTES for the July 22, 2019 meeting

- Approved

GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Keeny of Columbus Landmarks' Home Preservation Program. Susan shared information about the purpose of the program and how they can support OBA residents as we make changes to the externally facing parts of property, including windows, trees.... She offered to provide personal consultation on projects. Susan mentioned the Historic Resources Commission has a list of approved windows and shingles. Susan's email is SKeeny@ColumbusLandmarks.org

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

President's report (Greg Myers)

Greg provided an update on efforts to attempt to control the deer population that were communicated via email earlier in October. Basically, the best advice is to not purposely feed the deer.

Treasurer's report (Laura Philip)

- The Association had an ending balance of \$20, 881.62 as of October 28, 2019 with 103 paid OBA members. (See the attached report).
- Leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin November 18. Concern was expressed about damage to existing homeowner installed curbs. Laura offered to contact GAG to ask them to be careful.

Report of Historic District Actions (Cindy Lazarus)

4972 Rustic Bridge – concept review for rear addition; 4783 Olentangy Blvd. – replace driveway; 162 West Jeffrey Place – build new dormer on detached garage; 57 Riverview Park Dr – repair and paint exterior; 46 West Beechwold Blvd – remove and replace aluminum siding and repair gutters and downspouts.

Arbor Committee report (Lindalee Brownstein)

- The next clean-up will take place in the spring.
- Trees and shrubs that have been recently planted were watered.
- The columns at West Royal Forest and High were cleared. It was recommended that some plantings be added after the street work is completed.
- A tree audit was given to the City as they consider which trees might need to be removed. The City is considering our ideas for the rain gardens.

Social Committee (Stacia Clifton)

- A fall firepit gathering was proposed at the Clifton's for either November 10 or 17.
- Stacia asked for information on new neighbors so we can welcome them.
- Alan offered to share Santa outfits for anyone who might like to use them.

Blueprint Columbus: John Alexander summarized the work of the OBA Blueprint Columbus Committee

- City of Columbus staff and consultants are being very responsive.
- There is no widening of roads anticipated – plans are to maintain the current 16-18' width.
- The City intends to preserve resident-installed curbing and stone walls if they are in good repair.
- No additional curbing is anticipated.
- The City intends to save as many trees as possible and the City Arborist is working with OBA representatives.
- OBA engaged Chris Ahlum, Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation, to work with the City Arborist.
- OBA will have the opportunity to influence the design of the two rain gardens and help select plantings.
- We are inviting City representatives to provide an update at the next OBA meeting.

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 Dianne Radigan Dianne.Radigan@gmail.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 Dianne Radigan

The Old Beechwold website is www.oldbeechwold.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Whetstone Library at 7:00pm.