



Olentangy Highbluffs Community Association
Meeting Minutes
2020 Annual Meeting
Monday, January 20, 2020
7:00-8:35pm

Officer Attendance: President, Micah Conley
Vice President, Erin Campbell
Treasurer, James DeFrancesco
Secretary, Pam Turnwald

Social Committee Chair: Erin Campbell
Welcoming Committee: Jeff Soiu
Business Liaison: Mike Storer
Beautification Committee: Debbie Becker
Far North Columbus Communities Coalition (FNCCC): Linda Soiu

Residents in Attendance: Debbie Becker, Rita Turner, Mike Storer, Amy Hall, Laura Lenhart, Linda & Jeff Soiu, Aleksandra Bury, Steve Bennett, Biran Brink, Marty S., Tiong-Sin So, John Knapke

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Micah completed the welcome and introduction of the officers and committee members.

The Treasurer Report and Budget were distributed and James reviewed the 2019 budget recap. The fiscal year runs from January through December. The number of due paying households has increased since 2017. Household community association dues can be made at myohc.org. Due paying members will receive a thank yous with local business discounts. James also reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

2020 OHCA initiatives include neighborhood safety and streamlining the process of communication when suspicious activity is reported. Officer Larry Geiss, our neighborhood Police Liaison attended and provided information on neighborhood safety. Highlights included:

- Highest crime trend: theft from autos
 - Don't keep valuables in your vehicles
 - Still make a report over the phone even if nothing of value is stolen
 - Crime Analyst counts the number of reports and can assist with increasing the number of patrol cars in our area if needed
- See Something/Say Something
 - 614-645-4545 then * to get to a dispatcher for non-emergencies
 - 911 for emergencies
 - Provide as much details for descriptions as possible for suspicious people or vehicles
- Keep your porch/garage lights on at night
 - Possibly invest in a backyard light sensor for at night
- Housewatch from the Columbus Police Department
 - If you are out of town for an extended amount of time you can contact the CPD and they can do a drive by for safety
- Columbus Police Department Substation is currently housed at Karl and Morse Road
 - A new substation should be completed by March 2020 off of Sancus and that will serve our neighborhood
- Delaware County is cooperating with Columbus Police Department and will respond to our neighborhood if Columbus Police Department can not make it out in time
- Feel free to contact Delaware County or The State Highway Patrol for traffic accidents or problems about St. Route 23.
- Officer Larry Geiss has requested our neighborhood have a Block Watch contact to report information from the Columbus Police Department or report neighborhood safety information to the Columbus Police Department. If you are interested in becoming the neighborhood Block Watch contact, please contact Micah Conley.

During the 2019 year recap, Mike Storer was recognized for his efforts in developing the Neighborhood Business Partners including OH Pizza, Saigon Baguette, Hot Heads, Wine Bistro, Salt Cave, and Brewsters. Local businesses have the window clings. Show your membership card to receive discounts. It was stated that the community newsletter would be distributed to due paying member in April 2020. Ideas for articles or information to be placed in the newsletter are welcomed. If you have or know of someone in the community who will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact Micah or James by late March so they can put the student's name on the community Graduation Banner. Ways to connect with others in the Olentangy Highbluffs Community include Facebook, Twitter, Remind, and Next Door. Erin

Campbell reviewed the annual social events that occur in the community including End of School year event, Rock the Bluffs, National Night Out, the Chili Cook Off, Turkey Trot, and Brighten the Bluffs. Make sure to connect with one of the officers if you know of someone moving into the neighborhood so they can receive a welcome packet with information about our neighborhood. Debbie Becker informed everyone that a real estate agent owns the retail property in the front of the neighborhood and is in charge of the entry sign. She contacted them last year and they trimmed the landscaping and then stopped returning her phone calls. She is going to try to reconnect with the contact person again to continue to attempt to improve the landscaping at the entrance of the neighborhood.

All officers were reinstated due to no new nominations being submitted.

2020 Volunteer opportunities include:

Quarterly Community Forums Coordinator-organizes learning events for the community including CPR, home safety, realtor experts, etc.

Advertising Specialist-Put together flyers, graphics for social events, etc

Delivery Coordinator-organize and distribute flyers around the neighborhood-Gary and Rita Turner and Laura Lenhart volunteered to assist with distribution of the flyers.

During Open Discussion/New Business it was proposed by Erin Campbell that neighbor, Stephanie Luft would like to have the community association purchase a Little Free Library which costs approximately \$500. She is willing to house the library container on her property and maintain it. This opportunity would allow neighborhood children and adults to donate and use books and return throughout the year. This would be a capital improvement project for the neighborhood.

Marty S., volunteered to contact the Columbus Fire Department to inquire about painting our neighborhood fire hydrants.

Call 311 to request to have a tree replaced that may have been cut down during sidewalk repair or tree trimming by the city of Columbus.

Amy Hall volunteered to contact Highbanks to come and talk to our neighborhood about the coyotes that are coming into our neighborhood.

It was suggested to bring a friend/neighbor to the next neighborhood event or meeting to increase the diversity and learn more about what our community association does for the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.