

ODWNA Association Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Place: Third Christian Reformed Church – Small Conference Room

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Chris Shook, Vice President; Christopher Bovid, Secretary; Paul Scott; Eric Boersma

Excused: Paul Scott, Diana Morton-Thompson, Kathy Shook

In Attendance: Approximately 25 people (includes Board members)



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, President, 7:00 pm

- Welcome
- If not already receiving our free monthly eNewsletter, please sign up to receive it (mostly neighborhood and City-based news)
- We have a website (www.winchellneighborhood.org) updated with timely neighborhood and City information including Neighborhood Plan and City documents
- There are also links to reach the ODWNA Board via email (ODWNAnews@winchellneighborhood.org)
- Hopefully everyone received our postcards with our speaker series information for the year
- Association meetings run September through May except for December. We have a speaker each month except for in May when we do a car show.
- Next month our speaker will be interim Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Chief Boysen
 - KDPS requested if any specific topics or questions to be addressed, please send it ahead of time to Pete Kushner
- Introduction of Board of Directors
- Our three major sources of passing along information are the website, the eNews, and Pete's administrator postings on the Winchell Neighborhood Neighbors Only Facebook page.
- Discussion regarding annual association dues and uses of the same
- Discussion regarding Quick Win project funding, W-A-L-K Nature Route; potential uses of additional funding from the City, ownership, and operation of pocket parks by the City of Kalamazoo Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Discussion regarding maintenance of bike lanes being installed in the City and how to contact the City with questions
- Asylum Lake Stormwater Project:
 - Recent \$550,000 state grant to make possible an innovative system to remove chlorides from road salts spread in winter
 - Amount was included in State of Michigan 2023 Fiscal Year Budget and allocated to the Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council
 - State funding will cover most of the project's \$775,000 cost with ALPMC funding the balance
 - Designed to remove sediments and nutrients before stormwater runs into the lake
 - Starts with mechanical treatment device connected to City's stormwater piping and requires 2x per year cleanout
 - Stormwater then directed to infiltration trench along Asylum Lake's northwest corner
 - WMU, the ALPMC, and water quality experts are tapping into the design to try never-before attempted innovations to capture chlorides during winter months in the same soils of the infiltration trench capturing the phosphorus

II. **Guest Speaker for this evening was supposed to be State Representative Julie Rogers however as of 5:15 PM we were notified that she is unable to attend because the Legislative Session in Lansing is running late this evening.**

III. **Audience Q&A:**

- Continued extensive discussion regarding prohibition on parking in the bike lanes on Winchell Avenue by the Asylum Lake Preserve
 - All parties advocating for parking in the bike lanes on Winchell Avenue by the Asylum Lake Preserve are welcome to send to the ODWNA Board of Directors objective research and/or articles regarding safety of having parking in bike lanes, possible solutions for parking at or near the Asylum Lake Preserve (including any that do not involve parking in the bike lanes), all of which the Board will earnestly review and consider
 - Ultimately the ODWNA Board of Directors will pursue the goals and objectives in the Neighborhood Plan, which prioritizes safety over convenience and tradition
- Discussion regarding the lack of a formal process for individual / specific changes to a neighborhood plan once approved by the City Planning Commission and adopted as part of the City Master Plan by the City Commission

IV. **Adjournment:** 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Bovid, ODWNA Secretary