



OAK CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DeFremery House
1651 Adeline Street

Chair: Mr. Michael Taffet

Vice-Chair: Ms. Jade Williams

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Ginger Murray
Wingfield

Recording Secretary: Ms. Casey

Regular Meeting Minutes **September 15, 2015 --- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** **Vmsg to Teresa for reservation change**

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: (6:30 PM) – Ms. Jade Williams

6:38pm Michael Taffet is out of town. A round of introductions were made from attendees.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES: (6:31-6:35) – Ms. Casey Wingfield -

Changes in minutes (several edits) suggested by Ms. Jade Williams. Motion for acceptance of minutes with necessary corrections was made and accepted.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

1. Update on DeFremery House Repairs and Events – Ms. Valerie Winn (6:36-6:40)

- House repairs are currently on-going. Repairs are to be finished by Nov. 7th. There will be a stiff penalty for the contractor if deadline is not met, but as of this meeting there is no concern of delays.
- Second Saturday of Dec \$20 charge per person for Holiday soiree.
- Sept. 26th – McClymonds Picnic gathering.
- Saturday Oct. 3rd is the Black Cowboy Parade.
- Oct. 10th – Life is Living Festival & Soul train line world record attempt...again @ DeFremery Park 8am-3pm. Need 450 people to beat Arizona record. Breakfast at 8am for free. \$10 to participate. www.oaktrain.org. T-shirts for sale & wrist bands. Soul Train went off last time without a hitch...no cops, etc. The event is sponsored by Friends of DeFremery & the purpose is to raise funds for the children of DeFremery house. Trying to push participation and donations. Info will be added to house Facebook post.
- Oct. 30th – Disneyland. Spend Halloween at Disneyland. Would like to stay all day, but there is an \$84 fee to stay past 8pm. \$195 total charge (not including \$84). Have 20 participants so far and can have up to 54. Asking donations for new charges.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Army Base Coal Terminal Project Public Hearing- Monday September 21st at 4 PM at City

- Council, City Hall, OCNA Speaker Cards – Ms. Jade Williams and others (6:41-6:45)
 - There will be public hearing Monday September 21st at 4 PM at City Council, City Hall. Michael sent out list for speaker cards for that meeting. Letter written by Michael was read out loud to attendees by Ms. Jade Williams.
 - Paul Sanford (a neighborhood resident) – Here to discuss and represent opposition to the coal project at Port of Oakland. He spoke to how bad this is for the area, that it is a Health & Safety issue, 12 trains/day. He is asking people to call their councilperson, to please take and hand out fliers that he is passing around, and asking for attendees to send letter via email to friends.

-- Attendee was concerned that there was another meeting/celebration at the same time as the City Council meeting. After checking on that concern it was found that the other meeting is Wed Sept 30th at 6pm so there is no conflict.

--Attendee suggestion for a calendar so that community members can see what's going on in the neighborhood and what meetings are available.

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2. Board Meeting Schedule for Updating by-Laws – Ms. Jade Williams (6:46-6:50)

- Monday Sept. 28th at 630-8. Next round of By-Laws for review. 2007, 1995 vs side by side with current versions. The versions will be sent out ahead of time for review.

3. Update on Progress of Blight Cleanup at Former Shell Station Site at 14th and Union Streets and Railroad Right of Way near Cereal Factory– Mr. Joseph Taylor and Ms. Sophie Maher (6:51-6:55)

– Work has started. They have taken down the pump islands and canopy. Excavation & Clean-up of land is mostly complete. Owner has no current plan to take down actual structure due to possible contamination and high cost of clean-up. The structure is still not secure and people live in it. The property is clean of debris and workers claim that it is actually environmentally clean. Suggestion to take down slats to prevent graffiti. Request for attendees to contact & complain to owner of the land.

Attendee comment: The Gas Company leases the land and it needs to get it out of litigation so it can move forward. There is a need to get in touch with the county as well.

--Suggestion - We would like copies of the test results. Michael should have these

-- Question - should we bring it to other environmentalists? –answer provided by member attendee: 15years of work has not yielded results from owner. Suggested new members would be advantageous to breathe new life to this project – Suggestion for Michael to get Paul's (new member) info and chat about getting more people involved. The property is only zoned for residential and not commercial (if business is closed for several years it automatically goes to residential). Must get approval for Oak Center.

--RR right of way at cereal factory. Bridgette is working on it and not here – tabled.

Suggestion made to try and see if we can not only clean it up but make a park/open space.

4. NCPC Meeting Reminder and Request for Issues (under Crime and Safety Reports)

--Sept. 10th was last meeting. (Always 1st Thurs of the month) – Ms. Annie Sloan –

Suggestion to send out email so that we all get notes from NCPC meeting?

ITEMS for NCPC: --Next meeting on Oct. 1st. West Oakland Senior Center.

* RV's not breaking the law but police can't do anything. (Drugs & prostitution & sanitation)

--Attendee suggestion to put them in a particular place and monitor them (urban RV Park?) just not on Mandela.

--Mandela Parkway is a pride of West Oakland since Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and would like to see if it is possible to restrict parking of RV's overnight and for more than a couple hours.

* 2 burglaries, speeding, 18 accidents (18th & Brush), Highway Patrol pulls people over which causes a commotion, etc, etc, will take a unified effort to get change.

* Bring up of traffic at 16th/14th & Adeline

* Drug paraphernalia at 19th & Brush

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Black Cowboy Parade Application and Truck Driver Needed – Ms. Jade Williams and Ms. Linda Roberts (6:56-7:05)

- \$25 fee to enter float into parade. Would we like OCNA to be represented? Truck with hay bales, signs, giving out candy, etc. Sat. Oct. 3rd. 10am.

Vote made and was unanimous

--\$26 collected in cash for the parade fee from members.

2. Holiday Party Ideas – Ms. Ginger Murray (7:06-7:10) - tabled for Oct. Mtg.

VI. SPECIFIC REPORTS (7:11-7:25)

Neighborhood Crime & Safety

Open/Ms. JoAnn Bell – see NCPC section.

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Outreach/Fundraising

Ms. Jade Williams & Ms. Ginger Murray

---see new Business section

Supermarket

Ms. Anna Berg

---no real update. No progress with Tom Henderson. There is a struggle with land acquisition for a site. NPR had story. See links below.

<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/08/27/west-oakland-property-prices-peoples-community-market>

<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/08/26/can-west-oakland-change-and-stay-the-same-all-at-once>

<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/08/25/west-oakland-activist-wants-to-create-a-cafe-for-everyone>

Youth Issues

Mr. Terrance Holiday

---Continuation school is doing well and really helping 17-19 year olds (60-70 currently enrolled). Due to time constraints, please see him after the meeting to speak more about this topic.

Parks and Recreation

Ms. Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson

– Parks still looking for \$\$\$. Audrey Jones-Taylor is leaving and will be replaced. Developers are interested in setting up golf course.

VII. OPEN FORUM (7:26-7:56) – out of time for open forum and tabled for October meeting. Please email any items attendees may have.

VIII. RECAP AND ACTION ITEMS (7:57-7:58)

- Ms. Bridgette Cook- ask about funds for community calendar
- Ms. Bridgette Cook- to ask about getting parking restrictions for RV's
- Mr. Joseph Taylor to follow up about Shell Station
- Ms. Bridgette Cook - Is Coca Cola building up for sale?
- NCPC has focus for meetings – Ms. Annie Sloan to send out notes from NCPC meeting?
- Mr. Terrance Holiday will ask about youth liaison
- Ms. Ginger Murray will follow up about Black Cowboy Parade

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (7:59)

X. ADJOURNMENT (8:00) – motion to adjourn. **8:07**

Come out to this monthly community meeting open to all who reside or work in the Oak Center Historic District within the boundaries of Mandela Parkway to Highway 980 and from 10th Street to 20th Street.

OCNA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

The Mission and Vision of the Oak Center Neighborhood Association (OCNA) is to work together to celebrate what we love about our neighborhood through a commitment to solving community problems, maintaining a residential community, organizing outreach events, and creating a safe, healthy, and beautiful place with opportunities for everyone: children and adults, residents and business owners, renters and homeowners.