



OAK CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DeFremery House - 1651 Adeline Street

Chair: Mr. Michael Taffet

Vice-Chair: Open

Corresponding Secretary: Open

Recording Secretary: Ms. Casey Wingfield

Parliamentarian: Ms. Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2017 --- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME – Mr. Michael Taffet

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES – Mr. Michael Taffet

No meeting in January as only 4 people showed so we could not have a meeting. The meeting from November was the last official OCNA meeting. Motion to accept November meeting minutes. November meeting minutes are accepted as written.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

1. City Council Update on West Oakland/Oak Center-Specific Issues –Ms. Brigitte Cook
 - 99 cent store: The owners chose to leave and close. Contrary to popular belief, they were not forced out of their location. The Mandela Food Co-Op may expand into the vacant space.
 - The city received a grant for Earthquake retrofit and people can apply by Feb. 17th. A random selection of properties will be accepted for funds to help reinforce foundations.
 - Oak Center Cultural Center - discussions with the city administrator are still ongoing to ensure Oak Center and Oakland does not lose the property. It was decided to be only a cultural center and cannot be developed for another business.
 - Grove Shafter Park - Park was taken over by the homeless. The city had to remove them residents for municipal reasons as it unsafe.
 - Streetscaping on MLK, Peralta, Market, and part of San Pablo avenues is currently ongoing, but Adeline St. is not on the current list. Adeline may be slated for future streetscaping, but is not on the current active list.
 - West Grand Ave pot holes are going to be worked on again. The weather is causing the recent patches to come up.
 - There is no update with regards to the RV's and they are as mobile and difficult to handle as the homeless camps. The police are under staffed and overwhelmed with abandoned vehicles. All they can do is provide 72 hour notices on them, but most tend to move before the notice can be acted upon.
 - The city is focused on the Homeless situation with the newly passed funding ordinance
 - Community ambassadors program (CAP). A group that works with unsheltered people to help clean the areas they are staying in. The CAP funding project fell through and the city are looking for support again.
 - Member Question: How does the vacant lot program work for trailer houses and the Tiny House program? The city would do a master lease and the city will take ownership of managing the vacant property and free up the property owner. The city would not take ownership of the property, but would help manage the people on the lot for the property owner.
 - Some causes for the increase in homelessness: People on probation & parole people cannot stay with family in subsidized housing, but want to be local so they stay on the street. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels that used to be \$30/night are now charging market rate. Housing & rentals are getting more expensive. Old hotels changing to boutique hotels.

- Member Question: What's going on with the 980 freeway concept from the downtown specific plan? Is the 980 going to turn into a boulevard and have housing? Process is just getting started. Go to the downtown specific plan website to see discussions of current meetings. Traffic studies show the 980 is under utilized. No funding is happening only ideas being discussed right now. Once anything is decided the city planning will need 10-20 years before anything could be done.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board, Officer, and Committee Rep. Openings – Mr. Michael Taffet
 - Our board must have 5 people at a minimum and a maximum of 13.
 - Motion to nominate another board member.
 - Mr. Michael Taffet nominated Mr. Randy Wilk & nomination seconded.
 - 3 abstention and 8 yes. Mr. Wilk is now on the board.
 - Member Questions What is the purpose and expected tasks of OCNA Board members and purpose of OCNA
 - Mr. Michael Taffet read from the OCNA Bylaws and Mission Statement to explain the purpose of OCNA. Board members also liaise with the city as needed.
 - Members suggested that they would like to see a history of OCNA accomplishments
 - 880 went around west Oakland, historic district, underground wiring, etc
 - OCNA needs a new flier as the current fliers are out of date. OCNA needs to get the word out so we can increase attendance and interest.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Call for 2017 Priorities and Actions for OCNA – Mr. Michael Taffet
 - OCNA needs to get the word out about it's existence because the neighborhood does not know it is here.
 - Historically, OCNA was a paid membership, outreached twice a year and went door to door and dropped fliers. People would drive around and find issues and advocate to get them fixed.
 - Ms. Bridgett Cook comment- OCNA is vital to the neighborhood and we should continue, even if we have to drop how often the meetings occur, the organization should not close.
 - Member Comment: Senior center is more active than OCNA.
- Priorities:
- Last Year priority - Churches interacting with neighborhoods. This hot button issue has simmered down. Should this still be an issue?
 - Get money together for our non-profit status
 - West Oakland Bart re-development. Ms. Rita is on the action committee and can provide updates via email and/or presentation
 - Property on Union st. Developers got discouraged and left and the property has been re-rented and the project is not going forward.
 - 14th and Union gas station to remain on the agenda.

VI. SPECIFIC REPORTS

Neighborhood Crime & Safety	Open
-No updates	
Business Report	Ms. Judy Wang
- Recycling center on 14th is working with our neighbors to have a 24 hour patrol to control the graffiti cleaning the area. They are working with with people to move the carts along.	
Outreach/Fundraising	Open
-No updates	
Supermarket	Mr. Randy Wilk (acting)
-No updates	
Youth Issues	Mr. Terrance Holiday
-No updates	
Land Use Committee	Mr. R. Wilk and Mr. J. Taylor (both acting)
-No updates	
Parks and Recreation	Ms. Valorie Winn/Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
- DeFremery House is taking a break currently	
- DFH had a successful crab feed in December. 155 people attended.	
- Fundraiser planning. Meeting next Thursday 2/16 6-7pm to participate on the board. Raising money is very important for summer programs for children.	
- West Oakland Air Quality Project - Interested in businesses having air measurement device at their property.	
- Parks are restructuring as members are retiring.	

VII. OPEN FORUM

- Channel 2 at 10pm is having a homeless feature on Oakland's housing crisis
- Building that used to be the greyhound terminal is being revitalized.
- Podium structure at center of Oak Center is actively being looked at to be fixed.
 - Likely was a hit and run and owner cannot be held accountable.
- OCNA should have a community gathering for the neighborhood with gifts.

VIII. RECAP AND ACTION ITEMS

- OCNA needs to recruit board members and new officers or the group will fail
- Call for OCNA priorities for the year

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- OCNA should have a community gathering for the neighborhood with gifts.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- meeting adjourned 8:04pm

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 18th Street.

OCNA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

The Mission and Vision of the Oak Center Neighborhood Association (OCNA) is to work to 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Like OCNA on Facebook (facebook.com/OakCenter) for OCNA updates and community information

OCNA email address: oakcenterna@gmail.com

City Council Representative: Brigitte Cook: bcook@oaklandnet.com

Illegal Dumping Reward Program

Phone: (510) 615-5566 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Email: opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com

Mobile app: SeeClickFix

Online: www.oaklandpw.com click on "Report a Problem"

CROs (Previously called PSOs "Problem Solving Officers)

J. Jochim jjochim@oaklandnet.com

J. Keating jkeating@oaklandnet.com

Beat 2X 5X Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Meeting

1st Thursday of the month from 6:30pm – 8pm

West Oakland Senior Center (1724 Adeline St.)

Contact Annie Sloan (asloan@oaklandnet.com) to join the NCPC distribution list