



Oakland Mills Community Association

Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~
Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair ~
Paulette Pettiford-Thomas ~ Dr. Daniel Pierce ~
Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative

August 26, 2025

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was held hybrid, on Zoom and at The Other Barn.

Link to YouTube recording of the August 26, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting:

https://youtu.be/0m_AatXPIhg

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair (arrived 7:16 p.m.); Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair; Dr. Daniel Pierce; Paulette Pettiford-Thomas; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Events & Administrative Coordinator.

Absent:; Karin Emery

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Recreation and Parks Bureau Chief Mike Milani, Planner Scott Munroe, and Tournaments/Events Manager Jamie Ponton; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; Howard County Executive's Office Community Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Dr. Pierce** motioned to approve the August 12, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Dr. Pierce** motioned to approve the August 26, 2025 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Fried** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Resident Paul Verchinski said he had sent the Board a copy of a petition for CB-59. The bill would extend Howard County's Aging in Place tax credit. Due to the credit's cap of eight years, many seniors were no longer able to use the tax credit. The new bill would remove the cap. 312 people had signed the petition so far, and Mr. Verchinski said he was hoping to push that number up to 500. A public hearing on the bill would take place on September 15, followed by a vote on October 6. A competing bill by the County Executive, CB-60, had also been introduced. Mr. Verchinski asked for the Board's support of CB-59 and that the Board put together a resolution supporting the bill. He also said that the County Executive had put forth CB-60, which would extend the credit for two years but maintain the cap. **Mr. Edelson** said the Board's next step would be to review the bills and discuss the subject at the next Board meeting.

New Business

Blandair Park Update

Howard County Recreation and Parks Bureau Chief Mike Milani, Planner Scott Munroe, and Tournaments/Events Manager Jamie Ponton provided updates on Blandair Park. Tournaments and other events brought in considerable revenue for the County. 122 more parking spaces were being added just north of the new construction, near Rt. 175. Other topics discussed were parking on the road near the ADA playground, air horn noise, shuttles from area hotels to ease parking issues, display of OMCA banners pointing visitors to OM merchants, solar panels over parking spaces, and future plans for Blandair North.

Board Chair/Education Report

Mr. Edelson reported that Oakland Mills High School underwent Phase II HVAC repairs over the summer. **Mr. Edelson** also reported that he had met the new principal of OMHS at the Meet and Greet held at The Other Barn.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Warren shared her update on village operations (ATTACHMENT C). A Columbia Association Town Hall meeting would be held on September 11 at Slayton House. Registration was required. More info would be in the eNews.

Committees

Architecture

Mr. Fried commended OMCA Covenant Advisor Carrie Wenholz for doing a great job filling in on the largest RAC meeting of the year—one with nineteen applications.

Education

Refer to the Board Chair Report above.

Open Space

Mr. McCormack said he planned on holding the first Open Space meeting of the Board year during the second half of September.

Public Space

Dr. Pierce reported he would be reaching out about the crosswalk/path at Rt. 108.

Tenant

Ms. Pettiford-Thomas was working on getting tenant responses to a flooding issue.

Bulletin Board

Mr. McCormack asked Howard County Community Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia to talk to Community Outreach Director Paul Thompson about the HOA Infrastructure bill since there had not been updates from the County Executive's office.

Mr. Edelson said funding would hopefully come in for the OMHS renovation in FY2027, with occupancy occurring in 2031.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



oakland mills
we value connections

Oakland Mills Community Association Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~
Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair ~
Paulette Pettiford-Thomas ~ Dr. Daniel Pierce ~
Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative

August 12, 2025

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was held hybrid, on Zoom and at The Other Barn.

Link to YouTube recording of the August 12, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh5rlr91gOc>

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Bill McCormack, Board Vice-chair; Andrew Mark Fried, AC Chair; Dr. Daniel Pierce; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager.

Absent: Paulette Pettiford-Thomas; Karin Emery

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; Hans Plugge from OMI Green Team; Columbia Association Sustainability Manager Danielle Tyeryar; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the July 22, 2025 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Dr. Pierce** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Mr. McCormack** motioned to approve the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Dr. Pierce** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

New Business

Columbia Association Presentation on Two Open Space Projects in OM

CA Sustainability Manager Danielle Tyeryar presented two Open Space projects (ATTACHMENT C) that would utilize excess cash given to CA from OMCA (per policy) from previous fiscal years. The funds were earmarked for operations projects in the village. The first project was a Miyawaki Tiny Forest planting behind Stevens Forest Elementary School between Encounter Row, Pamplona Road, and Bullring Lane. CA planned to have a community planting event on November 7/8 or November 14/16.

The second project was a Story Walk and Educational Signage Loop along the path behind Stevens Forest Pool to Encounter Row. Stories would be changed out quarterly or monthly. Ms. Tyeryar said she would like to have the project up in the fall, but it would probably not be until spring.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that the OMCA Employee Handbook was due for an update. As was done previously, the OMCA would hire someone to update the handbook.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Warren shared her update on village operations (ATTACHMENT D).

On behalf of **Ms. Emery**, **Ms. Warren** reported there would be no CA board meeting until September. CA and Howard County Citizens Association were in the process of setting up a town hall meeting on September 11. More info would be coming for the town hall meeting.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the regular OMCA Board meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Chair, Bill McCormack Jr, Vice-Chair; Andrew Mark Fried, Architecture Chair, Paulette Pettiford-Thomas, Daniel Pierce; **Columbia Council Representative:** Karin Emery

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting
In-person at The Other Barn

5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD, 21045

OR Online via Zoom (participation not guaranteed due to possible tech issues):**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496349120>

Meeting ID: 854 9634 9120

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,85496349120# US (Washington DC)

Oakland Mills Board of Directors

7:00 p.m.	Opening of Meeting (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Minutes from August 12, 2025 Board Meeting • Approve Agenda for August 26, 2025 Board Meeting 	Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair
7:05 p.m.	Resident Remarks (3 minutes per resident, 10 minutes) Please note that meeting attendee's audio is muted. If you wish to participate in Resident Remarks please "raise your hand" which is one of the options available for participants and appears as an icon on the screen.	
7:15 p.m.	NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Blandair Park, Discussion (30 min) 	Howard County Recreation and Parks
7:45 p.m.	Board Chair Report, (10 min)	Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair
7:55 p.m.	Village Manager Report (10 min)	Brigitta Warren, Village Manager
8:05 p.m.	Committee Reports (25 min)	

- **Architecture**, (5 min)
- **Education**, (5 min)
- **Open Space** (5 min)
- **Public Space** (5 min)
- **Tenant** (5 min)

Andrew Fried, Chair
Jonathan Edelson, Chair
Bill McCormack Jr, Chair
Daniel Pierce, Chair
Paulette Pettiford-Thomas

8:30 p.m.

Board Bulletin Board

8:35 p.m.

Adjourn

Upcoming Events

Jazz in the Mills featuring Tiya Ade'

Sunday, September 14th,
5pm-7:30 pm

Taming the Bamboo Seminar

Wednesday, September
24th, 6:30 pm

Oakland Mills Fall Festival

Saturday, October 4th,
11am to 3pm

DRAFT

**Manager's Report
Oakland Mills Community Association
August 26, 2025**

Event Update

- Jazz in the Mills featuring Tiya Ade' is on Sunday, September 14th. Tickets are on sale now online and at The Other Barn and are \$25/ticket.
- Amy is still looking for vendors for the 2025 Fall Festival. The Festival will be held on Saturday, October 4th, from 11 am to 3 pm. (Please note that we have shortened it by one hour).
- OMCA will host a Bamboo Workshop titled: "Taming the Bamboo." It will be held on September 24th at 6:30 pm at The Other Barn. We have asked attendees to register in advance.
- Oakland Mills will host another tree giveaway in October. The information regarding how to sign up will be available in September.
- Save the date for a New Resident/Volunteer Dinner on Monday, November 4th.

Audit

- The auditors have completed their work and will be releasing their preliminary report hopefully the week of 9/15.
- Our FY26 1st Qtr. Financials will be ready a little later this year as we do have to wait for our audit report prior to closing out the first quarter.

Allocation Formula

- The Village Managers and Board Chairs/Vice-Chairs are meeting on Friday, September 5th via Zoom to discuss the allocation formula.