MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ODHA

September 15, 2024 at Dalewood Park

The Annual Meeting was held in the Park and attended by an estimated 120 members and their children. The meeting celebrated the installation of the new park playground equipment. Activities included face painting, a basketball three-point shooting contest, a corn hole toss, a water balloon toss, and a book exchange. An excellent local taco truck provided food options and a variety of drinks were provided as well.

The business meeting commenced at approximately 5 pm and continued for about 45 minutes. ODHA President Hatti Hamlin began with an overview of board functions and progress on a variety of initiatives including the paving of the road and increasing efforts at wildfire fuels mitigation. She also noted how much less expensive ODHA dues are than those of neighboring HOA’s.

That was followed by Board Secretary Marty Glick reporting on application of the new CCR’s adopted a year previous and the related Architectural Review process. Marty also noted that there will be Board elections in 2025 and that there are currently two vacancies. He encouraged members to consider serving. Finally, Marty reported on efforts to improve the ODHA website and to add online dues pay for 2025.

Board Vice-president Mike Berta, filling in for Treasurer Alex Rogin, reported on dues collection and finances, including reserve requirements (as required by law, ODHA underwent a reserves study.) Our reserves status is considered “good.” Given the findings, the Board does not currently expect to raise dues, but that could become necessary depending on the cost of private road repair coupled with State reserve requirements. Mike and Hatti then answered questions from ODHA members in attendance.

Board member Garen Ingleby reported on the process for securing the park equipment and the contributions of the Board in the lengthy process, partially during the pandemic, of soliciting bids and selecting the company to complete the project. Garen noted that it is not possible to allow a homeowner to “reserve” the park for an event but that members are free to have an event such as a birthday party in the park so long as they do not get in the way of other members’ use of park and they clean up thoroughly after their event is concluded. He reminded that park use is for ODHA members and their guests only.

Finally, Marc Evans, chair of the Moraga-Orinda Firewise Network Leaders group, spoke about fire prevention and upcoming fuels mitigation requirements coming down the pike as well as the impact these have on home owner fire insurance policies.

Notwithstanding cool weather on this day, the event was fun, informative and very well received. The success it had would not have been possible without the really outstanding work of volunteers Denise and Abby Kim and their friends and family members and the organization of the event by President Hatti Hamlin.

Respectfully submitted.

Marty Glick, Board Secretary