

Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2023

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at OMNI Systems, 701 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, Ohio.

Present: Bob Haycox (Chair) Sara Calo
Lorry Nadeau Peter Gall
Mary Salomon Rosemarie Fabrizio
Robert Gessner Maureen Washock
Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein

Absent: Joanna McNally Monica Syracuse
Mark Granakis Katie Parker
Sandy Batcheller Patti Ferris

Also Present: George Williams, Council Representative
Jennifer Jurcisek, Council Representative
Al Meyers, Council Member
Bill Marquardt, Council Member
Peter Batcheller, Resident
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

Tour of Omni Systems

Council Member Mark Arndt, who works in business development at OMNI Systems, welcomed the Committee members to OMNI's Beta Drive facility. He provided an introduction of the company, advising that OMNI also has manufacturing facilities in St. Louis, MO and Kansas City, KS. He stated that OMNI recently acquired ITW Labels, quadrupling its geographical footprint and adding new printing capabilities, advanced equipment, and ITW's skilled employees.

Mr. Arndt described that OMNI is a private, family-owned, debt-free company looking to expand. He reviewed the company's history and advised that OMNI moved its headquarters to this Beta Drive facility two years ago, but the company has been in existence for over 25 years. This building previously held multiple tenants, but is now occupied exclusively by OMNI. Nationally, OMNI employs 225 to 250 people and is growing rapidly. It is the largest consumer of thermal paper in North America and 99.8% of the labels produced are made for Amazon, Tyson Foods and Walgreens.

Mr. Arndt walked the group through the facility, pointing out various areas and different types of equipment. He stated that the size of this building is approximately 140,000 sq. ft. and added that OMNI has a similarly-sized facility in Missouri. Much of the facility is used to store large rolls of paper. There are 35 presses at this location and 18 loading

bays. Mr. Haycox asked if OMNI had experienced supply chain issues during or following Covid. Mr. Arndt responded that they really did not, due to the large volume of thermal paper they purchase.

Mr. Arndt took the group through an area with low-run presses that are used to print small volumes. He showed how the waste matrix is collected so that it can be sent away for recycling into boxes. He also pointed out that different printers provide final product in rolls or fan-folded, depending on the customer's needs. Finally, he described that OMNI has recently begun to print picture-quality labels, mostly used for the food industry.

Mr. Batcheller asked if OMNI owns its own delivery trucks. Mr. Arndt advised that they do not and utilize several different carriers.

Mr. Gall asked if OMNI works with the Village's Fire Department on inspections, given the amount of paper stored in the building. Mr. Arndt said they absolutely do work closely with Asst. Chief Libens to ensure that inspections are current.

Mrs. Calo asked about an area she saw designated as a "bad pallet" area. Mr. Arndt explained that the paper delivered on those pallets is fine but the pallet may need to be sent back for a refund or replacement.

Mrs. Calo asked if recycled paper is used to make the labels. Mr. Arndt advised that OMNI tries to be as green as possible, but the labels need to be made from virgin product.

Mr. Arndt described that OMNI's CEO is a strong believer in IT and he seeks constant innovation. OMNI's facilities are impressive, which recently helped them pick up U-Line as a new customer.

Mr. Haycox and the Committee members thanked Mr. Arndt for the tour and all the excellent information that he provided.

Council Report and Upcoming Events

Mrs. Jurcisek reported that things have been slow at Council with just normal items and expenditures. She reminded everyone to be on the lookout for summer events and to check the Recreation Brochure, which is also available online.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Haycox asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting, previously provided for review. There were none and the minutes were approved as written.

Other Matters

Mrs. Washock stated that she was concerned that swimming lessons at Parkview Pool seem very crowded this year. She feels that there are so many children, no one is learning anything. Mrs. Jurcisek asked about the teacher to student ratio and Mrs. Washock responded that she felt the ratio was fine but thought the number of swimmers should be capped, with preference given to Village residents. She added that the schools are not offering lessons, which is adding to the numbers. Ms. Wolgamuth agreed to get additional information from the Recreation Director. *[Post-meeting note: The number of swimmers currently enrolled in lessons is 35-40 per session hour, with a cap set at 55 swimmers per session hour. Typically, the next session of swimmers will gather on the pool deck awaiting their turn. The teacher to student ratio is targeted at one teacher for every five students.]*

Mrs. Fabrizio thanked Mayor Bodnar, the Administration and Council for having the foresight to keep the Thornapple corner as green space and not allow the utility company to build there. Given the appearance of the utility vault recently installed on the other side of SOM, she is very grateful that it was located there instead.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wolgamuth
Director of Administration