

Public Policy and Community Affairs Committee

Minutes from Thursday, March 4th, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Committee facilitator Matt Quinn opened the meeting at 7:05 pm in the teen room at the Olney Library

We welcomed Matt Zaborsky as our newest member

Reviewed minutes for the February 2015 meeting, which were accepted as presented

Land Use

Mark Hill will lead the land use efforts of the PPCA

We reviewed the goals for our approach to Land Use, which was to identify issues that could be impactful to Olney. We agreed that some land use issues that were not in Olney proper could still be impactful to Olney. An example was the Vitro site in Aspen Hill.

Keeping on our radar:

Zoning change requested by the Inn at Brookeville Farms

Berrend Dance Centre – potential project on Georgia Ave

The potential sale of the property recently occupied by Good Earth

Any changes to the Mess property located at 18420 Brooke Grove Road, east side of Old Baltimore Road opposite the intersection with Spartan Road. This is an approximately 200 acre property and is the last large, undeveloped property in Olney.

Legislative

As a goal, we would like to get in front of legislative issues that impact Olney. This as opposed to being in a reactive mode, in regards to legislative issues. The first step was to identify current legislation under review by our elected officials.

Howard Greif will focus on Montgomery County legislation. Howard and Matt are working to arrange meetings with the 4 at-large council members and our district 4 rep Nancy Navarro.

The below link to a list of current county proposed legislation

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/leg/bill/index.html#>

Currently Matt Quinn and Matt Zaborsky are working together on state legislative issues.

Our district 19 and 14 house and senate reps have been invited to provide an update to the GOCA executive board at the May 12th meeting.

The below is a link to **the Status of All House Legislation Introduced 2015 Session**

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs-Current/Current-House-Status-Report.pdf>

The below is a link to **Status of All Senate Legislation Introduced 2015 Session**

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs-Current/Current-Senate-Status-Report.pdf>

OTCAC

Howard Greif will continue to stay involved with OTCAC. Next meeting is at the end of March

Other Issues

A discussion was had on creating a survey to identify wants, needs, concerns regarding public policy and land use issues. More discussion will be had to identify if this is practical and if so, what method would be utilized.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 1st at 7 pm at the Olney Library

Della Dorsey will take minutes for the April meeting

Mark Hill will take minutes for the May meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

In attendance: Mark Hill, Della Dorsey, Matt Zaborsky and Matt Quinn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Matt Quinn