

July 10, 2012
Buffington RE/MAX Olney Community Room
3300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
(Note - agenda subject to change w/o notice)

7:00 CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

7:05 DISCUSSION

Round table regarding management of civic and homeowner associations

8:15 APPROVAL

June Minutes / July Agenda

8:20 PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Bus Rapid Transit Financing Options presented by Councilmember Marc Elrich

For background information please review these websites:

Home page: <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/cex/transit/>

Final TTF Report: <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/cex/transit/reportfinal.asp>

9:15 DISCUSSION

Tabled Resolution: GOCA opposes a special tax district to fund the Bus Rapid Transit project.

9:30 ADJOURNMENT

Dates to remember:

No meeting in August. Reception for Delegates and their families. Stay tuned for details.

Next Meeting **September 11, 2012**

Round Table Discussion for Civic and Homeowner Association Boards

Whole group:

Apathy - getting people to serve on the board and/or come to annual meeting (or at least send in proxy)
Communication - newsletter, website, emails. What works, how is it paid for, who does it?
Vandalism, known drug activities, litter, loose dogs, dog poop (pros/cons of bags & trash cans for dog poop)
MHP/HOC rentals - problems with house maintenance or tenants
Speeding within the community
Parking – cars, commercial vehicles, and/or trailers on streets. Lack of spaces (especially in townhouse areas) since people use their garages as storage space so that space is no longer available for a car.

Civic Associations:

Getting voluntary dues - what works
Community building events (parades/picnics/yard sales)
Why are some associations doing well and others are not?

Homeowner Associations:

Landscape contracts - costs, deer prevention, leaf pick up
Dues collection issues
Asset inventory and capital reserves
Pool - maintenance, safety, personnel, outside memberships, insurance costs
Management companies - issues, cost, good/bad ones