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## June 11, 2013 Buffington RE/MAX Olney Community Room 3300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road

#### 7:30 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Introductions (Name, Association, Representative/Alternate/Guest)
- 2. Approval of Minutes/Agenda

### 7:35 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7:45 III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Trail Connection to the North Branch Trail System (see over for motion)
- 2. Trotters Glen Project (presentation from February can be found at <a href="www.goca.org">www.goca.org</a>. See over for direct link)

## 9:00 IV. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1. President's Report	Barbara Falcigno
2. Correspondence Report	Greg Intoccia
3. Chamber of Commerce Report (www.olneymd.org)	Joe Buffington
4. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee Report	Helene Rosenheim
6. Olney Days Committee Report	Helene Rosenheim
5. Civic Federation Report (www.montgomerycivic.org)	Arnie Gordon
6. Membership Report	John Webster
7. Olney Civic Foundation Update Report	John Webster
8. Transportation Report	Paul Jarosinski

#### 9:30 V. ADJOURNMENT

Dates to remember: Next Meeting July 9, 2013



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# **Background Information for Old Business**

1. During the March 2013 GOCA meeting, a presentation was made by Parks Department on a possible connection of the North Branch Trail to either Kirk Lane or Ridge Road. The GOCA Officers recommend the following motion:

GOCA supports the original master plan alignment for the North Branch Trail between the Preserve at Rock Creek Trail and Bowie Mill Road. There was a proposal to cross the stream further south and connect to directly to either Kirk Lane or Ridge Road. GOCA does not support this proposed route for several reasons. First, there is no cost savings due to the steep topography of the stream area which will require a large bridge. The extensive wetlands in the area will also require much of the trail to be elevated. In addition, GOCA feels the trail route should stay off of area roads which do not have a shoulder or sidewalk making it unsafe for users. Finally, many of the immediate residents on Kirk Lane and Ridge Road do not wish the trail to be connected.

2. Direct link for presentation during February 2013 GOCA meeting regarding a road connection between Batchellors Forest Road and Emory Church Road: http://www.goca.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/ECRBFR-post-meeting.pdf

# President's Report

On May 28<sup>th</sup> the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee met with Fred Boyd from Park & Planning to discuss the change from Mixed Town Center (MXTC) zone to the Commercial Residential Town (CRT) zone.

The Planning Board will hold a worksession the afternoon of **Thursday**, **May 23** on Zoning Text Amendment No. 13-04 (draft zoning code) & District Map Amendment G-956 (proposed zone translation) to discuss the <u>staff review and recommendation</u>

(http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/20132305zoningrewriteztadmamemofin al5-17-13.pdf), which includes minor editorial changes to the draft. Planning Board recommendations will be transmitted to the County Council. To read about the MXTC zone, go to

http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates\$fn=altmain-nf-

<u>contents.htm\$cp=Maryland\$tt=altmain-nf.htm\$3.0&vid=amlegal:montgomeryco\_md\_mc</u> and search MXTC. For more information on the CRT zone, go to

http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/viewer.shtm#http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/documents/CRZoneGuidelinesFINAL.pdf

A County Council public hearing is scheduled for **June 11 at 7:30pm**. For information about speaking at a Council hearing and other ways to contact the Council, <u>click here</u>

(<a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/about/pub.asp">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/about/pub.asp</a>) On June 14 at 9am-12pm, the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee of the County Council will begin a review of the draft Zoning Code and Zoning Map.