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January 14, 2014 **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 November Minutes/Agenda (December meeting was cancelled due to weather)

7:35 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on Olney Library David Dise, Director of the Department of General Services

- 7:45 III. NEW BUSINESS (see page 2 for background information)
 - 1. Comparison of current zoning and proposed rezoning in Olney

Pamela Dunn, Park & Planning Meredith Wellington, Past Planning Board Commissioner

8:30 2. Maryland Bill MC5-14 regarding Archery Safety Zone from 150 yds to 50 yds

Eric Luedtke, District 14 State Delegate and sponsor of Bill MC5-14

8:55 V. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1.	President's Report (see page 2 of agenda)	Barbara Falcigno
2.	Membership Report	John Webster
3.	Correspondence Report	Greg Intoccia
4.	Treasurers Report (2014 budget)	Ruth Laughner
5.	Transportation Report	Paul Jarosinski
6.	Olney Town Center Advisory Committee Report	Helene Rosenheim
7.	Chamber of Commerce Report (www.olneymd.org)	Joe Buffington
8.	Civic Federation Report (www.montgomerycivic.org)	Arnie Gordon
9.	Nomination Committee Report	Matt Zaborsky

9:30 VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: <u>February 11, 2014</u>
Tentative Topic: Speed Cameras and GOCA Officer Elections



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President's Report

I would like to thank Bob Beard for his service as GOCA Liaison to the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee. I have appointed Kathy Curtis to take his place.

The Olney and Sandy Spring Lions are raising money to replace all of the American flags displayed on Georgia Ave on many holidays. Mid-County Board started this several years ago and Fletchers have replaced the flags a few times. The estimated cost is between \$2300 and \$2800. So far \$800 has been raised. They are also looking for folks to join their committee. Contacts can be found at http://www.olneylionsclub.com or http://sandyspringlions.com

GOCA has been asked to have members serve on two different Community Outreach Committees. The first is with Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. They will likely meet only 2-3 times a year and they will address any concerns with transportation, noise, or any other interaction with the adjacent community. Their next meeting is 1/21 at 3:30 pm. The second is the Community Liaison Committee with Medstar Montgomery Medical Center. They meet twice a year and discuss the impact hospital activities and future development has on adjacent communities. They met on December 3, 2013 (thank you to Lou and AnnMarie Saporito for attending that meeting) and will likely meet again in May/June.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School's original site plan approval included a Performing Art Center. It was not built at the time due to budget restraints. They now are ready to move forward and they can build it under the original approval. As they reviewed their plans, they saw space they could use in the vaulted space behind the stage as classroom space. This does not change the footprint or size of the building but does surpass the original square footage approval requiring a site plan amendment. http://www.olgchs.org/page.cfm?p=5396

All GOCA Representatives should have received a test ballot for voting in November. This test ballot was successful so voting for the 2013 GOCA Awards will be done electronically. Please let Matt Zaborsky or Barbara Falcigno know if you do not receive an email with a link to the voting. Only one email will be sent. We are using Survey Monkey.

Given the impact Bus Rapid Transit will have on the Olney area, I am looking for 5-7 folks willing to research the topic and follow developments. This is a long-term commitment, as the process will take several years. There are folks willing to help with background information so this group will have a good starting point.

For those that missed the County Council's October 23 forum for HOAs, Condo, and Civic Associations, it is available to watch on the web. Link is in: http://mccouncil.blogspot.com/2013/11/leaders-of-hoas-condo-associations.html

New Business

The response by the Montgomery County Planning Department to Councilmember Elrich's Powerpoint Presentation outlining his concerns over the zoning rewrite (in black are Elrich's concerns, in red is the response): http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/viewer.shtm#http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/documen ts/LettertoPHED.pdf

Link for MD Bill MC5-14 (Archery safety zone of 50 yds): http://montgomerycountydelegation.com/MC5-14.html Background Article: http://www.gazette.net/article/20131204/NEWS/131209649/0/gazette&template=gazette Moco's deer management: http://www.gazette.net/article/20131225/NEWS/131229593/0/gazette&template=gazette