

March 11, 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 February Minutes
3. Approval of March Agenda

7:35 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:45 III. NEW BUSINESS

Good Counsel Performing Arts Center

Paul Barker

8:30 IV. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution on County Council Lobbyist Campaign Contribution Reporting Requirements

8:45 V. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1. President's Report (see page 2 of agenda)
2. Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board
3. Chamber of Commerce Report ([www.olneymd.org](http://www.olneymd.org))
4. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee
5. Land Use
6. Legislative Activity
7. Civic Federation Report ([www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org))
8. Transportation Report

John Webster  
Greg Intoccia  
Joe Buffington  
Lydia Rappolt  
Yale Tankus  
Bob Reel  
Arnie Gordon  
Paul Jarosinski

9:30 VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: **April 8, 2014**

### **President's Report**

On February 20, the County Planning Board issued a decision approving, with conditions, plans to build a new William H. Farquhar Middle School through a land swap involving a property of about 18 acres of rural open space adjacent to the existing school property. The decision is final unless an appeal is filed. At the hearing, testifying in support of the land swap as being in the public interest were Troy Kimmel, Jennifer McKneely, Angela Edwards and Greg Intoccia (testifying as a private citizen and not in any other capacity). In opposition, a detailed statement for the record was entered by the Hyde family. The Middle School, located on Batchellors Forest Road, was originally built in 1968. Without the land swap, earlier plans would have subjected students to a long daily commute between Olney and the Tilden Holding Center in Bethesda while the Middle School was being rebuilt.

The Maryland State Legislature is moving forward with HB1279 and SB627 authorizing special taxing districts for transportation improvements. GOCA (<http://www.goca.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/2012BRTtestimony.pdf>) and MCCAB (January 29, 2014 letter to County Executive) are both on record opposing special tax districts as a funding mechanism for BRT. GOCA is reiterating its opposition to special taxing districts to sponsoring delegates and senators and to the County Executive.

Web site for latest BRT info: <http://www.communitiesfortransit.org>

### **Resolution on County Council Lobbyist Campaign Contribution Reporting Requirements**

***Be it resolved that the Greater Olney Civic Association requests the County Council and County Executive to:***

***Enact a law:***

- 1. Requiring all persons and entities registered as lobbyists in this county to annually report to the County Ethics Commission all political campaign contributions made by such lobbyists or their employees to members of the Council or the County Executive or to announced candidates for these positions. Such report should show amounts and dates of contributions.***
- 2. Requiring such lobbyists to submit a report to the Ethics Commission of any contributions made to such official(s) since the date of the Annual Report stated in 1 above, up to the time of their first appearance or representation before the Council, County Executive and any county agency or Department with respect to any matter being advocated by any such lobbyist, such report to be made coincident with such first appearance or representation, or not later than 5 business days after such first appearance or representation. Such report to also indicate the entity or entities represented by the lobbyist and what campaign contributions, as defined in state law, if any, have been made by the represented entity within the 12 months preceding the lobbyists first appearance or representation.***
- 3. Supplemental reports: During the pendency of the matter referred to in 1 or 2 above until final action by the officials concerned has been taken, the lobbyist and client shall be required to file reports with the Ethics Commission of any additional contributions, if any, made to these officials or candidates within 5 business days after the contribution is made.***
- 4. To require that any such reports or supplemental reports as required under 1,2 or 3 above be made publicly available by the Ethics Commission within 5 days after receipt on its web site.***

***5. To require that violations of these recommended provisions be punishable by fines or disbarment from the practice of lobbying as shall be specified by the Council.***

***6. That the County Ethics commission be provided with the additional resources necessary to effectuate and administer these requirements.***

***7. In the event state law prevents the Council from enacting this law, then the Council should lobby the state to change the law.***