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May 13, 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 April Minutes
- 3. Approval of May Agenda

7:35 II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:45 III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

District 14 & 19 Elected Officials will present General Session highlights (5 minutes per Elected Official followed by 20 minute Q&A)

8:45 IV. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1.	President's Report	John Webster	
2.	Traffic Camera Task Force	Greg Intoccia	
	(Executive Board action required. See summary on page 2 of agenda.)		
3.	Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board	Greg Intoccia	
4.	Chamber of Commerce Report (www.olneymd.org)	Joe Buffington	
5.	Olney Town Center Advisory Committee	Kathy Curtis	
6.	Land Use	Yale Tankus	
7.	Legislative Activity	Bob Reel	
8.	Civic Federation Report (www.montgomerycivic.org)	Arnie Gordon	
9.	Transportation Report	Paul Jarosinski	

9:30 VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting (At Large County Council Democratic Primary Debate): June 10, 2014



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President's Report

The Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transit Administration, and Montgomery County Department of Transportation are conducting an Alternatives Public Workshop for the Georgia Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Planning Study from the Wheaton Metrorail Station to Montgomery General Hospital. The Workshop will be held at John F. Kennedy High School Cafeteria located on 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland on Wednesday, May 14 from 5:30PM until 8:30PM. There is no formal presentation, so you may arrive at any time during the workshop hours and review the planning materials at your own pace.

Olney Days is May 17 and 18. Please plan to attend with your families and help to spread the word in the community.

The Officers Committee respectfully requests that GOCA Delegates abide by the following rules during open discussion periods:

- o Wait until recognized by meeting Chair before proceeding
- o State name and association to help improve accuracy of meeting minutes
- Stay on topic
- o Be succinct, concise, and to the point
- o Avoid repeating prior comments
- o Do not speak out of turn
- No side conversations
- Exercise civility and mutual respect

GOCA TRAFFIC CAMERA TASK FORCE CHARTER

Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) President John Webster (President) charters a TRAFFIC CAMERA TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE), effective on the date determined below.

The purpose of the TASK FORCE is to recommend to GOCA what position, if any, GOCA should take on the County's Traffic Cameras operating within Olney and/or the County's Traffic Camera Programs. "Traffic Camera Programs" is used here to mean County programs using cameras to deal with reducing traffic speed to legal limits and/or the number of vehicles that do not obey red light signals.

Once duly constituted, the TASK FORCE is expected, as final products, to present written recommendations in a report, and to present a verbal summary of the report at the September 2014 GOCA meeting. A one-time, one-month extension may be requested by the TASK force, if justification is provided to the President and he agrees that the extension is warranted.

To be eligible to apply to become a member of the TASK FORCE, a person must be a resident of Olney. GOCA delegates are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted to the President. In making the TASK FORCE application, persons must state, in a sentence, their current view on the County's use of TRAFFIC CAMERAS. The President will select persons on the bases of qualifications and the need to have a balanced membership that represents various community perspectives on the issue. The President will appoint a TASK FORCE leader. The President will make the final determination regarding which persons will become members of the TASK FORCE. The TASK FORCE must comprise at least 3 persons, but no more than 15 persons. The President will determine the date that the Task Force is duly constituted. The TASK FORCE will make all major decisions by a simple majority vote.



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In making its report to GOCA, the TASK FORCE will recommend that GOCA go on the record, adopting a resolution, urging: (1) modification(s) to the current related County policies; (2) modification(s) to the way that current County policies are administered; or (3) make no change at all. (If the TASK FORCE cannot reach one of the above recommendations, the TASK FORCE leader will inform the GOCA President of this fact.) In terms of its scope, the TASK FORCE may recommend that GOCA take a County-wide position, choose to focus only on TRAFFIC CAMERA operations in Olney, or do both. The TASK FORCE's report will provide details of the position it believes GOCA should take on the TRAFFIC CAMERAS matter, including (1) a clear statement of the policy position along with facts, reasons, and references in support of the position; and (2) the Report will indicate what alternative policy positions were considered, briefly summarizing the TASK FORCE's views on these alternatives.

Issues expected to be addressed in the Task Force report include:

Statistical information obtained by the GOCA Transportation Committee from the County on Speed Cameras in Olney, along with other information gathered by the Transportation Committee, as reported in the February 11, 2014 GOCA minutes, such as: how the Olney TRAFFIC CAMERA program administered in Olney compares to programs administered in other locations in the County; methodology for determining how decisions are made regarding camera installation and removal; level of discretion granted to County police other County employees, and County contractors; and the appropriateness of current County and State guidelines, and how they are administered.

Additional matters to be addressed in the Task Force report:

- -Its preliminary view on whether State law allowing Montgomery County to have its own Traffic Camera programs grants Montgomery County too much discretion in administering the programs or unduly singles out the County;
- -Its preliminary view on whether Montgomery County's Traffic Camera programs are being administered in accordance with State law;
- -Its preliminary view on whether the current method by which Montgomery County pays any contractors related to the Traffic Camera programs are legal;
- -Its preliminary view on the current state of any relevant court proceeding;
- -Whether there is evidence and reason(s) to believe that the County's purpose or purposes for the Traffic Camera program is/are financial; and
- -Any additional specific issue that the Task Force leader deems appropriate after obtaining approval of it by the President.

The GOCA Officers Committee has unanimously endorsed this proposed Task Force and recommends that the Executive Board formally votes to authorize the Task Force to proceed.