

September 9, 2014  
**Buffington RE/MAX Olney Community Room**  
3300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road

- 7:30 CALL TO ORDER
1. Introductions (Name, Association, Representative/Alternate/Guest)
  2. Approval of August Minutes
  3. Approval of September Agenda
- 7:35 PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 7:45 BRT RESOLUTION (Lee Lofthus)  
(See page 2 of the Agenda for the full text of the Resolution and the debate rules)
- 8:15 CHICK-FIL-A PROPOSAL (18115 Georgia Avenue)  
Stacy Silber – Lerch, Early, and Brewer  
(15 minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of Q&A)
- 8:35 TRAFFIC CAMERA TASK FORCE REPORT (Gary Manion)  
Gary will provide an update on the activities of the Traffic Camera Task Force
- 9:00 OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS
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| 1. Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board          | Greg Intoccia  |
| 2. Chamber of Commerce Report (www.olneymd.org) | Joe Buffington |
| 3. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee         | Kathy Curtis   |
| 4. Library Advisory Committee                   | Della Dorsey   |
| 5. Land Use                                     | Yale Tankus    |
| 6. October Debate                               | Bob Reel       |
| 8. Transportation Report                        | John Webster   |
- 9:25 NEW BUSINESS
- 9:30 VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting (General Election Debate for At Large County Council): **October 14, 2014**

### **Debate Rules**

Each Representative will have 2 minutes for remarks. If you have no remarks, please yield your time to the next Representative. After each Representative speaks, each Representative will have 30 seconds for additional remarks in rebuttal.

### **2005 Olney Master Plan Public Transportation Plan**

*The following excerpt can be found on page 104 of the Olney Master Plan. Only the Recommendations are included here. The complete Transportation Plan can be found online here:*

*[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan\\_areas/georgia\\_avenue/master\\_plans/olney/april\\_2005\\_approved\\_adopted/transportation\\_plan.pdf](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/georgia_avenue/master_plans/olney/april_2005_approved_adopted/transportation_plan.pdf)*

*Historically GOCA supports the master plan, so please take time to review the Public Transportation section of the 2005 Olney Master Plan (page 103) prior to this meeting.*

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Explore opportunities to expand public and private transit and paratransit services in Olney.**
- 2. Further evaluation of the Master Plan Alignment alternative for the ICC should continue to evaluate transit and carpool priority treatments.**
- 3. Construct the Georgia Avenue Busway as a two-lane, bi-directional busway within the Georgia Avenue median between Norbeck Road and the vicinity of Spartan Road.**
- 4. Support further study of transit operations, including passenger transfer and bus layover needs, to optimize busway use through feeder bus service. Explore future park-and-ride options including the existing lot east of the Longwood Community Center, the Montgomery General Hospital campus, or shared parking agreements with commercial development within the Olney Town Center.**

### **GOCA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Resolution**

*The following resolution was jointly developed by GOCA's Transportation Committee and BRT Task Force. The following committee members unanimously voted to support this resolution: Sharon Dooley, Barbara Falcigno, Arnie Gordon, Greg Intoccia, Paul Jarosinski, Lee Lofthus, Helene Rosenheim, Jim Smith, John Webster, Louis Wilen, and Matt Zaborsky.*

Whereas Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) have not performed modeling to demonstrate a Georgia Avenue corridor BRT to the Olney area would improve Olney mobility; and

Whereas the May 14, 2014 SHA BRT design alternatives for the Georgia Avenue corridor/Olney were developed absent adequate community input, absent adequate traffic impact/ridership modeling, and suffer from multiple design flaws (e.g. potential taking of and/or impact on Olney residences and businesses,

inadequate provision for Howard County-originated traffic, inadequate preservation of existing vehicle flow);  
and

Whereas there is significant Olney area community opposition to the May 14 SHA BRT design alternatives for the Georgia Avenue corridor from Wheaton to Olney as evidenced at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) meeting

Now therefore be it resolved by the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) that:

1. GOCA opposes the May 14 SHA BRT design alternatives
2. GOCA opposes any Georgia Avenue corridor BRT between Olney and points South until: a formal study demonstrates BRT is the optimal transit solution for Olney and will improve Olney mobility; Olney area community input is obtained; and BRT routes are built and proven successful in comparable corridors in Montgomery County
3. GOCA opposes the use of special taxing districts to tax Montgomery County residents and businesses in order to fund the Georgia Avenue corridor BRT to Olney
4. GOCA insists that Olney community input on any transit plan must be obtained from a broad cross section of the community, open to all interested Olney communities, and representative of Olney resident and business viewpoints
5. GOCA supports the prompt construction of the grade separated Route 28/Route 97 intersection improvement, and opposes any plan that postpones the project premised on the idea the BRT will cure the failed intersection