

**GREATER OLNEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
AGENDA**

March 8, 2016

**Buffington RE/MAX Olney Community Room
3300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road**

7:30 CALL TO ORDER

1. Introduction (Name, Association, Representative/Alternate/Guest)
2. Approval of February Minutes
3. Approval of March Agenda

7:35 PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:45 Discussion on proposed changes to bylaws, possible resolution adopting changes – Kathy Curtis, Bylaws Committee

9:00 OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/LIASON REPORTS

Transportation Committee

Barbara Falcigno

Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee (PP&CAC)

Matt Quinn

Correspondence Report

Jackie Benn

Membership

Matt Quinn

Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board

Greg Intoccia

Awards

Matt Zaborsky

Chamber of Commerce

Joe Buffington

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Helene Rosenheim

9:10 NEW BUSINESS

9:30 ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: April 12, 2016

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: (Draft Edits)

The ByLaws Committee proposes to edit the Bylaws as specified in the document that accompanies the GOCA Agenda for the March 8, 2016 meeting. There are 2 areas primary of change:

1. Committees
2. Changes to make GOCA more inclusive of everyone who lives in the Olney Master Plan Area

Committee – Chairs’ Appointment and Removal

At the March 2015 GOCA meeting, the Bylaws Committee presented a Bylaws amendment that was received from Cherrywood. The Bylaws Committee positively reported on a portion of it and that was verbally agreed upon by the Executive Board and forms the basis for ARTICLE VI – Committees #5.

Committee Chairs are appointed and removed by the President with simple majority consent of Representatives at an Executive Board meeting of the GOCA members. A Chair vacated during the year will be filled within ninety (90) days by the same process.

- a. Each Chair will be appointed for a one-year term within ninety (90) days of officer elections*
- b. Each Chair can be appointed for additional terms up to five (5) consecutive terms*

Committee – Chairs’ Duties and Terms

Chair duties have been added to Article VI-Committees #7 to provide a description for these positions. Term limits of 1 year have been added; consecutive terms up to 5 years are allowed.

Committees - Standing

The list of Standing Committees in Article VI-Committees #1 has been revised to reflect the merging of many responsibilities into the Public Policy and Community Affairs Committee.

Inclusiveness – Past Presidents

All Past Presidents are eligible to attend Officers meetings and Executive Board meetings and participate in the discussions but not vote unless they represent an LCA. In this way GOCA benefits from their experience and perspectives.

Inclusiveness – An Individual Membership

The Bylaws Committee is proposing a new membership class, “Individual Member,” comprised of individuals who live in parts of the Olney Master Plan Area that are not covered by an association that could be a GOCA Local Civic Association (LCA) member. The description of this new class of members is in ARTICLE II-Definitions #5.

GOCA currently represents 80-85% of the households in the Olney Master Plan area. These households are in associations that could be GOCA member LCAs. The 15-20% remaining households are in areas that aren’t organized into associations of any kind. The people in that 15-20% are potential Individual Members.

In the draft, Individual Members form a membership class and as such those people would annually elect two of their own to be their voting GOCA Representatives. Just as LCA members have 2 Representatives each, so would this new group. Regardless of the number of Individual Members, there are only 2 votes.

The Individual Membership class will become active in 2017 and Individual Membership dues will be established by the GOCA Executive Board prior to the January 2017 meeting.

This is not a revived "At-Large" membership that was removed in 2013. At-large members are expected to represent the community as a whole and the new Individual Members would only be representing the Individual Member group's position.

Individual Members could become Committee Chairs and Officers consistent with the requirements for people in LCAs.

ARTICLES II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X are all edited to include Individual Members.

There are additional changes throughout the draft. Please read the Bylaws Draft and come to the meeting prepared to discuss.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

Although the GOCA resolution adopted February 9, 2016 implies support for the North High Street to Morningwood Drive connection, the Transportation Committee wanted to have a clear resolution in support of the North High Street to Morningwood connection. The following resolution is therefore proposed:

Proposed Resolution:

"Whereas the North High Street to Morningwood Drive connection is recommended in the 2005 Olney Master Plan, referring to "North High Street between Georgia Avenue and Morningwood Drive as an essential connection for providing vehicular and pedestrian connectivity between the Town Center and the adjoining residential community." (page 99);

Whereas the North High Street to Morningwood connection provides an alternate pathway for vehicles using Georgia Ave; and

Whereas redevelopment in the area of Olney Town Center is unlikely to happen until this connection is made:

THEREFORE, GOCA's Transportation Committee resolves that a North High Street to Morningwood Drive connection should be included in the Montgomery County CIP budget."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Second Annual Education Forums

Montgomery County Council Education Committee, Montgomery County Public Schools, and Montgomery College will provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. The forums also will talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt its Fiscal Year 2017 budget. Upcoming forums will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 9, at Gaithersburg High School at 101 Education Road in Gaithersburg.
- Wednesday, March 16, at Magruder High School at 5939 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville.
- Wednesday, March 23, at Thomas S. Wootton High School at 2100 Wootton Parkway in Rockville.