

Minutes  
December 14, 2010

President Matt Zaborsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and after introductions Jim Haddow approved the agenda and it was seconded. Then Arnie Gordon approved the October and November minutes and Jim Haddow seconded the approval.

Sue Koronowski of the Mid County Regional Services Center shared the staff had been cut as of 07/01/10 so there is longer staff at each center, but she, Director Natalie Cantor, and Councilmembers Rice and Navarro staff members will be holding monthly informal morning information sessions at Starbucks so that community members can drop by to keep them informed of local issues. Ms. Koronowski will publicize the dates in January.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Executive: Budget Update**

Mr. Leggett related the county spent almost \$70 million on the snow storms last winter, and at certain periods had more than 1,000 pieces of equipment clearing snow. His response to that experience was to try to do everything possible to ensure the streets are clear and residents are kept informed on the street clearing status. He therefore asked the department of transportation (DOT) to create a program, and the result is an informative map system on the county website that provides a snow clearing progress report. It is color coded to show which roads have been plowed, and if one types in a street name a map comes up, and by zooming out the status of neighborhood streets can be viewed. Residents can also use the 300 county cameras focused on the roads to see the status of the roads. The system is one of accountability because residents can compare what is reportedly cleared and what they can see cleared on the map.

Mr. Leggett then gave us a presentation on the budget's challenges caused by the recession, beginning with a prediction of a \$300 million (M) shortfall in fiscal year (FY) 1200. He is now eliminating a \$100 M shortfall for FY 1100. Over the last four years he has decreased the budget by \$2.2 billion (B). Prior to his term the budget had increased by 41%. The combined budgets have decreased over the past four years by -2% per year. He has eliminated 1100 county government positions (10% of the county force) and resolved a \$975 M shortfall.

The challenge is that the legislators in Maryland will have to eliminate a \$1.8 B shortfall, and one plan is to shift the teacher pension down to the counties which would cost Montgomery County \$68 - \$88 M per year. In addition, the federal salary freeze will create a \$6 M loss in Montgomery County tax revenue. Because of these challenges, there is a likelihood that the \$300 M shortfall will continue.

Mr. Leggett's priorities are:

1. Public safety
2. Education
3. Most vulnerable constituents

However, Mr. Leggett stated the library's budget has decreased \$15 M from a \$40 M budget to a \$28 M budget, and now further cuts may bring the budget down to \$25 M. This results in less staff and fewer hours open to the public. Even public safety will be cut but not as much.

Mr. Leggett then presented us with the following budget details.

County Budget: \$4.4 B (a practical operative number)

\$14 M was to come from the ambulance fee which was defeated as a referendum in the November 2010 election. To illustrate how important that \$14 M was to the budget, Mr. Leggett created the following chart.

| Area of Government          | Percent of the Budget |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Education with 0% increase  | 50                    |
| Debt Service                | 5 – 6                 |
| Public Safety               | 15                    |
| Vulnerable – basic services | 12                    |
| Montgomery College          | 4                     |

Total in above chart – 87% of the \$4.4 B budget

Mr. Leggett explained that the \$14 M that was to be derived from the ambulance fee was not coming from the 87% but from the remaining 13% which includes libraries, transportation, and every other service not included in the chart above. The lack of the fee will have a devastating impact on services. Either services decrease or taxes are increased. He explained that the county was just seeking the right to bill the insurance companies, but now safety will decrease. For example, the emergency medical service (EMS) four person response has been eliminated, which jeopardizes public safety. In 10 years \$170 M will be lost because of the lack of an ambulance fee.

Mr. Leggett is prepared to make the cuts. He is the first county executive in history to not approve the school's budget in spite of the law to fund the superintendent's budget, and he will balance the budget by March 14, 2011.

He then detailed the looming burden of the teachers' pensions on the county. Since Maryland must resolve a \$1.2 B shortfall, the legislators are phasing in a transfer of the costs of the teachers' pensions from the state to the county, which will add about \$75 M.

\$300 M shortfall - \$75 M for teachers' pensions - \$6 M loss of federal employees taxes - \$40 for other state cuts to county = \$421 M assuming no cost of living (COLA) or step increases for public employees and no maintenance of effort for the school system.

Next year will be difficult, Mr. Leggett stated, but given the structural measures he is considering to reduce pensions and healthcare the county will reduce the deficit. The challenge is the FY 2012 budget. He is confident people better understand the need now to reduce the deficit. He began his term in office with a \$216 B deficit, before the recession, and when he reduced the increase of the growth of education by 1% there were demonstrations outside his office. Although it will be painful to resolve the deficit, Mr. Leggett is optimistic it will be done right so that our children are not negatively impacted. We must make the correct changes so the county will not suffer for years to come.

Ike Leggett then opened a question/answer session.

| Questioner     | Question  | Ike Leggett's Response   |
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| Arnie Gordon   | Ike's view on changing collective bargaining?   | Currently in bargaining so cannot comment - However, the first thing an arbitrator must look at is affordability, which he will follow only if it is in the public's interest.   |
| David Reile    | Ike's view on oversized developments in rural areas, such as the Wheaton Baptist church relocating to the Southeast Rural Olney Civic Association (SEROCA)?   | Churches should work with neighborhoods, and neighborhoods should not create barriers. He thinks the church project should proceed with some of SEROCA's changes.  |
| Ed Weisel      | Concern about the difficulty of an emergency vehicle in afternoon rush hour traffic to drive from Leisure World to Montgomery General Hospital because of the long delay at Georgia Avenue and Route 28 | The intersection needed to be changed, but the challenge is that the source of project money, the state's transportation trust fund, is depleted. During his first campaign for county executive he recommended we increase the gasoline tax to replenish that fund to move the projects off the list. We've gone from a \$40 M state contribution from the trust fund to \$1 M. The Montrose Parkway project moved forward because the county decided to obtain revenue from the liquor bonds. The county is paying \$160 M for state projects. |
| Elizabeth Deal | What are the plans for the future in funding services and organizations?  | For FY 2012, we cannot improve the services. The items in the 13% (recreation, technology, libraries, some of the environmental projects) are negatively impacted by the lack of an ambulance fee. An example is the Mid-County Recreation Center was constructed in recent years but there are no funds to operate it so it remains closed. He said though, it must be soon opened.   |
| Joe Corbitt    | Regarding the relocation of the Wheaton Baptist Church to the Southeast Rural Olney Civic Association, are you protecting the neighborhood or not?  | I agree with the institutional policy because without it no new churches would be permitted to build in the county. The policy allows for exceptions, and the Wheaton church may be too large for the road. However, organizations must work with the neighborhoods and the neighborhoods should not have standards that create barriers. We must be careful because we are on the closing end of legal challenges and if we block all churches many lawsuits would likely arise.  |

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| Paul Jarosinski  | Why was a nine-light system with six crosswalks installed at the Cashell Road and Emory Lane intersection?                           | This project goes back six years and was first a four-way stop sign. Did it have cut-through traffic or pedestrian needs? I will look further.  |
| Howard Grief     | Co-workers excited about ICC until they learned about tolls. Could the Section A tolls be reduced?                                   | The costs will likely produce sticker shock and people will not use it unless there is an emergency or the driver can pass off the cost. However, years ago I said the ICC toll would be a problem.   |
| Sharon Dooley    | Could the state roads cooperate with the county roads to clear snow?   | The new map system, the 311 system, and the link between the state and county, will improve the service and hopefully make it seamless.   |
| Jackie Benn      | Businesses coming to the area usually chose Virginia. What is your plan to bring businesses to Montgomery County?                    | I feel confident about our business plan moving forward. We've made a huge investment in biotechnology, have a strong federal sector, and have expanded major master plans that have increased job growth. The "science city" to be built off Shady Grove Road involves 40,000 to 50,000 new jobs, and the JHU/National Cancer Institute is under construction. White Flint will look like Tyson Corners if the adopted plan goes through, which concerns some of the nearby communities. The east county is developing a 100 acre site near the Adventist Hospital and the Food and Drug Administration is currently under construction. In the Shady Grove area there is light industry, warehouses, and bus depots. The largest challenge is the traffic associated with the growth, and the growth will be stagnated if the schools are overcrowded and transportation needs are not addressed. Growth must be sustainable or people will not want to move here and businesses will not want to relocate. |
| Jodi Finkelstein | Do you have updates on how we can hold Pepco accountable?  | We investigated Pepco and put together a 14 member task force headed by Norm Ornstein, the former head of Lockheed Martin, to help Pepco find solutions because it is our utility.  |
| Lori Goodwin     | 1. Will you be funding the maintenance of effort?<br>2. How does Councilwoman Valerie Erwin's review of the school system effect it? | 1. We believe in education, and although the county has provided over the last 10 years 60% over the school system's request, in these times we need to be flexible and consider changing the law.<br>2. Right now Ms. Erwin's review will have no impact on the school system, and I cannot direct how the school system uses the money in its budget.   |

Ike Leggett thanked everyone for coming out and for his support. He acknowledged it is challenging to work on the budget and although he is concerned he will resolve the budget, and job growth will occur with the foundations they have put in place. Ike Leggett closed by saying, "I want to thank again GOCA for all that you've done over the years because this is really a model of civic involvement, participation, and leadership that has not only been a model for this area but really throughout the county."

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Arnie Gordon announced:
  - a. An open house and public hearing tomorrow night at 4:00 p.m. at the Activity Center at 506 South Frederick Avenue for the Corridor City Transit Way which he hopes to be built to alleviate the traffic caused by the "Science City." Testimony begins at 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Senator Madaleno has withdrawn the bill, MC-II, he introduced to allow Montgomery County to charge parents for school busses.
2. Joe Buffington announced a toy drive upstairs run by Zion Church and the Brookgrove neighborhood and left contact information we can use if we know people in need who could benefit from the toy drive.
3. Terri Hogan informed us that the shooting Sunday evening on Spartan Road was a suicide, and the Gazette has a policy of not following up on suicides.

#### OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS

**Treasurer: Ruth Laughner** said the treasurer's report is in the notebook she is passing around.

**Communications Secretary: Ruth Laughner** said in the back of the notebook there is a kind note from Safeway thanking the community for its support for the Olney Safeway renovation.

**Chamber of Commerce: Joe Buffington** said the yearly budget for the police substation is \$5,000. The utilities cost \$4,000, and the county has been paying that bill, and the other \$1,000 is for maintenance, such as salt. The county will likely no longer pay for the utilities and the current balance of \$8,000 will soon be depleted, so he requested that the homeowners associations contribute \$100 or \$200 per year. He said one dollar per citizen would be helpful.

**Civic Federation: Arnie Gordon** said he was not able to attend the meeting last night due to his illness.

**Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC): Jim Haddow** said several of the committee members testified for approval of Safeway's application with two concerns: safe pedestrian crossing and calculation of acceptable public use space. Several area residents also testified about the use of the Policy Area Mobility Review (PAMR) mitigation fee and the funds targeted for the extension of Buehler Road will be used elsewhere. When Matt Zaborsky asked if the noisy early morning trash collection by the contractor was resolved, Mr. Haddow responded he had spoken to the Freeman group and was told they would talk with the contractors. Terri Hogan said the Greene Turtle opens Sunday. Sharon Dooley pointed out that Dave at Good Earth had provided the materials for the holiday lights on the community sign at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Route 108.

**Membership Committee: Jim Haddow** said emails have been sent to the management companies or contact persons for each association regarding the 2011 dues and membership form.

**Transportation: Paul Jarosinski** listed the answers to the questions answered after the November GOCA meeting by the ICC officials:

1. Roy Peck had obtained the traffic data he had requested regarding the intersection of Routes 97 and 28.
2. The large stones at the ICC access points Helene Rosenheim was concerned about were removed.
3. There is a plan to replace the large trees that were removed from Georgia Avenue at the entrance to the driving range with trees of unknown sizes.

Updates for this meeting:

1. The latest switch for the southbound Georgia Avenue bridge is now set for this Thursday.
2. Regarding the temperature needed for paving, there are three types of asphalt mixes for the ICC project:
  - a. Base asphalt– needs at least 32°F – used on ICC secondary, ramps, and side roads
  - b. Surface asphalt– needs at least 40°F – used on secondary and side roads
  - c. Gap graded surface asphalt – needs at least 50°F – used for ICC mainlines and ramps
 They still need ten days to do the work and still state the ICC will be finished in early 2011.

Mr. Jarosinski and Matt Zaborsky met recently with staff members from Councilwoman Nancy Navarro's office about the progress at the Routes 97 and 28 intersection and the property for sale. They were told the county has no money to purchase the property and the property does not qualify for transfer development rights, so it is not likely the area will be developed. They tried to lobby for mitigation money for the Greenbriar development being built near the golf course, but the planning committee has already given the mitigation money and those plans are binding for seven years. However, the developer for that property has backed out, and due to current economic conditions nothing has proceeded, but they could change the mitigation requirements in the hope the design funding could be completed. Sharon Dooley said she had heard that the previous owner had sold the property to a large developer.

Regarding the progress of the intersection of Routes 97 and 28 and wanting to give input before the project goes to the planning board and changes have to be made at the county level, Paul Jarosinski and Matt Zaborsky had given the county staff members reasons why the intersection should be a higher priority. The latest traffic study, entitled Highway Mobility Report, counts pedestrians and uses other different criteria than other traffic studies and determined that the busiest highways in the county are Shady Grove Road and the Midcounty Highway. One factor used was the amount of traffic that goes through an intersection, but if the traffic is backed up and cannot go through the intersection the amount of traffic would appear to be far lower than it is. Mr. Jarosinski had pointed out that using that criteria would downgrade the failings of the intersection of Routes 97 and 28. The report did state the longest delays occur at the Route 28 and Route 108 intersections of Georgia Avenue, which is why they think the intersection should be moved up from number four.

Arnie Gordon stated that the way the county counts traffic differs from the way the state and the University of Maryland counts traffic, and this negatively impacts the likelihood of our intersections being corrected anytime soon. Paul Jarosinski had asked the county official involved in the mobility report if he had accounted for the length of the backups or the number of cycles needed to go through the intersections, and he had not. According to Mr. Jarosinski, accounting for backups and cycles would give the intersection an F rating on a traffic rating scale of A – F.

Matt Zaborsky said he was encouraged Ike Leggett was aware of the congestion at Routes 97 and 28.

Paul Jarosinski and Matt Zaborsky also tried to clarify the type of lights for the ICC and received a verbal but not written commitment the lights would be as expected. However he learned the state is responsible for the phasing of the lights (left turn, all green with no left turn arrow) and the county is responsible for the timing (on/off) of the lights.

Regarding the light at the intersection of Emory Road and Cashell Road, which affects the Cherrywood and Norbeck Meadows communities, there was an overwhelming vote in Cherrywood to pursue a cut-back of functioning hours. Arne Gordon said Norbeck Meadows had voted the same as Cherrywood for the light. Currently the light works from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week and the drivers report they sit at the intersection when there is an absence of traffic. The local communities would prefer that the light operate only during rush hour and flash red at all other times.

Jodi Finkelstein asked if other counties in Maryland count traffic the way Montgomery County does and Arnie Gordon said all counties but Montgomery County count traffic the same way as the state.

**President's Report: Matt Zaborsky** said in late November he had testified before the Montgomery County Delegation, and his testimony can be viewed on the GOCA website by clicking on the 2010 Correspondence page. His testimony stressed the importance of the 97/28 intersection, the Lien Priority Bill, and stated our opposition to Senator Madaleno's bill MC 10-11.

Mr. Zaborsky and some GOCA officers met with Councilmember Marc Elrich to discuss some of the difficulties our communities are experiencing with clustering of MPDU's within their community. They pointed out two communities in Olney where the units are dispersed throughout the community and noted they do not experience a high level of incidents. Mr. Elrich suggested we convene a meeting of other communities that are experiencing problems and look into the possibility of some legislative changes regarding the way communities are built. Most likely, this meeting will occur sometime early 2011.

Mr. Zaborsky's team also met with Montgomery County and SHA regarding our concerns of the impending opening of the ICC and how it will impact Olney. They stressed the importance of pushing 97/28 forward as we had obtained a **Highway Mobility Report** from 2009 prepared by Park & Planning that indicated Route 28 was one of the most congested east-west routes in the county and Route 97 was one of the most congested north-south routes. They stated they could solve two major road problems by improving 97/28. They were encouraged to stay on top of this issue and plan to meet again with County Officials as the Road Priority Improvements are compiled for 2011.

Olney gave a strong showing before the Planning Board in early December regarding Safeway Plans and the possibility of Buehler Road being opened. As everyone knows by now, the Safeway plans were approved and the community was heard loudly and clearly in their opposition to opening Buehler Road as the Planning Board voted to leave Buehler closed.

Mr. Zaborsky thanked the officers and committee chairman of GOCA for all their dedicated hard work this past year and wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

Matt Zaborsky asked Barbara Barry to describe the Olney Library meeting held to discuss renovation plans. She stated two of the people present represented the county, and Bill Evans, who represented the architectural firm, gave an excellent visual presentation detailing the plans. The library will close on December 30; construction bids will be solicited in February, and it is expected the construction bids will be awarded in May with construction beginning soon after and completed in two years. The entire library is not being demolished, but the face of the library will change completely. The children's section will be greatly expanded and the reference section will have updated books. There will be opportunities to plug in your own computer and relax as if you were at a bookstore. The building will have natural light from four directions and will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified. The driveway will be an extension of the street, and the square footage will be increased from about 16, 000 to 22, 000 square feet. A major feature of the renovation is a bio-retention pond which collects rain water off the roof and directs it into the pond. There will be a walkway, including a bridge through this bio-retention area. The entire presentation she saw at the meeting is on the county's website.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Matt Zaborsky gave a brief report on the nominating committee since Ron Berger was unable to attend. The committee will be calling for nominations for all the GOCA positions; Jim Haddow is not seeking another term as executive vice-president due to his career responsibilities. Everyone on the board must run for office, so every GOCA officer position is open. Mr. Zaborsky recommended that those interested contact Ron Berger, whose email address is [ronberger@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ronberger@montgomerycountymd.gov) and view the bylaws and officers positions and descriptions of duties. Nominations must be made by January, and elections will be in February.

2. Matt Zaborsky said the GOCA awards ceremony will be in March with a slate of award winners: GOCA Worker of the Year, Heritage Award, Contribution to the Community, and Olney Citizen of the Year.

3. Matt introduced an update on the lien priority bill, known as HB 842, and asked Paul Jarosinski to explain it. Mr. Jarosinski reminded us about the resolution we passed in the November meeting. Mr. Jarosinski last week called Aisha

N. Braveboy, a co-sponsor of HB 842 and the similar bill of last year, and spoke with her aide who informed him they would be discussing plans for the upcoming session in tomorrow's legislative meeting and would contact him soon. Stressing the need to work together to help pass HB 842, Mr. Jarosinski passed around a sign-up sheet to identify those who have an interest in the bill, and said we need to ensure that a legislator, hopefully someone on last years' house committee, redrafts the bill with all our issues on it. Karen Montgomery recommended he contact Delegate Joseline Pena Melnyk to write the bill because of her legal and bill writing skills and also contact Delegate Maggie McIntosh, who chairs the environmental committee, because the bill will likely go there. Matt Zaborsky asked that the aide from Delegate-elect Sam Arora's staff and the aide from Delegate-elect Bonnie Cullison promote this bill to their delegates, and someone present said Bonnie Cullison knows the issue well and those currently on and soon to be on the environmental committee and will promote it.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Aging in Place – Mike Greenhut**

Matt Zaborsky quoted the Wikipedia definition of "aging in place" – "the ability to live in one's own home for as long as is confidently and comfortably possible". Tonight, he said, we begin the journey to determine the feasibility of building a village in the Olney community to enable residents who wish to do so to age in place. A village is a grass roots organization with the purpose of providing older adults with a lifestyle of choices that include their desire to continue to live in their own home with independence and dignity. Montgomery County has created a Village Blueprint to support communities within the county that desire to start a village organization in their neighborhood. Our goal now is to simply identify a core group of individuals within the community that share this as a top priority, and Mr. Zaborsky has already reached out to some individuals he would like to see in that core group.

Mike Greenhut said studies have shown that the vast majority of seniors want to age in place, therefore stay in their own homes. The problem is that as we age, certain disabilities make us less dependent in accomplishing tasks such as driving, resetting clocks when the time changes or power is out, changing light bulbs, and mowing the grass. Confinement can cause isolation which leads to depression, which can interfere with eating patterns and the proper ingestion of medication. This creates societal as well as individual problems. Some elderly individuals are close to family members, but even then the family members can be busy.

Mr. Greenhut shared he had spoken with Matt Zaborsky about taking one community in Olney and identifying the kind of services they would be receiving. Then it would be determined if there was enough people in the community to provide some of the services and manage and run the operation on a volunteer basis. There are six such communities in Chevy Chase, Maryland, one or two in the District of Columbia, and one starting in Fairfax County, Virginia. The first thing to research is the demographics indicating the number of seniors. Park and Planning can assist in this. Then we would give a survey to the community to determine their needs and interests.

The goal is to propose that GOCA assist in starting up the determination of whether this is something that can be done in one or two or three Olney communities. Mr. Zaborsky ensured Mr. Greenhut that there is a small group of individuals willing to serve on an exploratory committee. Mr. Greenhut said he would leave a sheet for those interested. In the beginning of next month he will send out information on the Montgomery County Village Blueprint which is favored by Ike Leggett and the American Association of Retired Persons. He will also send us the Internet link.

Karen Montgomery said she is impressed that Olney is interested in the "aging in place village", which will save families and the state money. When asked about the time commitment of village volunteers, Mr. Greenhut said initially five hours a week, but more hours would later be needed. Some people will be spending much more time. When asked if the village would be a nonprofit organization, Mr. Greenhut said it would probably be a 501C3 organization in order to receive grants.

### **2. The Olney Boys and Girls Club (OBGC) – Elizabeth Deal, Executive Director**

Ms. Deal stated OBGC serves 7,000 student athletes a year. The fees from the county have increased though, while corporate sponsorships have declined. The organization has cut its budget dramatically and now operates with 14% of its typical revenue, so she is asking GOCA to support one or more teams for a season. The benefits to the sponsor include: uniforms, t-shirts, and trophies with the sponsor name, plus an electronic newsletter sent out to 650,000 local residents. A plaque for the office shows the sponsor supports the children in the community.

Arnie Gordon asked what team and what sport would GOCA support, and Ms. Deal responded that the sponsor chooses the team and the sport. Mr. Gordon read his following resolution to sponsor an OBGC team in the spring:

"Resolved that GOCA undertake the sponsorship of an Olney Boys and Girls Club team, and for that purpose appropriate the sum of \$250."

Barbara Falcigno seconded the resolution. However Paul Jarosinski asked if GOCA should give away the people's money, saying there are so many organizations that need financial help, and we cannot support or be equal to them all. Joe Corbitt said \$250 is a reasonable amount to donate. Barbara Falcigno said we should look at it as a marketing opportunity, saying the shirts will prompt parents to ask, "What is GOCA?" Arnie Gordon said GOCA does support community organizations, and

Theresa Kyne Robinson pointed out the high prevalence of obesity among children and the importance of supporting an avenue for them to exercise. Matt Zaborsky said he understands Mr. Jarosinski's concern but sees this as a good opportunity. He said part of GOCA's mission is to be of service to the community, and OBGC is an Olney group. Paul Jarosinski said the government takes tax money and then spends it as it likes. **Matt Zaborsky emphasized GOCA does not function like the government.**

Jodi Finkelstein suggested we have guidelines so everyone could understand our policy. She volunteered to write the guidelines for GOCA.

Ruth Laughner, noting the lateness and the fact that some of the community representatives may have left already, suggested we table the issue for now and discuss it with our communities. She said it would likely cost each community \$10.00. Paul Jarosinski seconded the tabling of the discussion.

The issue was tabled by the following vote:

Yes – 10, No – 8, no absentions

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Kyne Robinson, Recording Secretary

People in attendance: Kathryn Althage (Sandy Spring Museum), John Andreoli III (Homeland Village), Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Bobby Berg (Greater Sandy Spring Green Space), Brad Branch (Olney Mill), Joe Buffington (Olney Chamber of Commerce), Keith Carlson (Hallowell), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Civic Association), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Neeta Datt (Community Aide to Senator –Elect Karen Montgomery), Merry Eisner (Office of Delegate-Elect Sam Arora), Elizabeth Deal (Olney Boys and Girls Club), Sharon Dooley (Towns Creek), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Lori Goodwin (Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Mike Greenhut (Olney Village), Howard Greif (Norbeck Grove), Dan Gross (Gazette Newspaper), Jim Haddow (Hallowell), Terri Hogan (Gazette), Robyn Holstein-Glass (Project Change), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Aleka Kapatou, (Tanterra), Benson King (Williamsburg Village), Sue Koronowski (Mid-County Regional Service Center), Larry Lauer (Olney Mill), Linda Lauer (Olney Mill), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Ike Leggett (Montgomery County Executive), Ellen Lemberger (Lake Hallowell), Daniel Matathias (Tanterra), Dan McNickle (Norbeck Meadows), James Messimore (Cherrywood), Karen Montgomery (Maryland Delegate, soon to be Maryland Senator/ Brookville), Lydia Rapport (Camelback Village), David Reile (South East Rural Olney Civic Association), Theresa Kyne Robinson (Olney Oaks), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), L. J. Saporito (James Creek), Lisa Stanick (Homeland Village), Anne Stretch (Cherrywood), John Webster (Manor Oaks), Matthew Weill (Office of Delegate-Elect Bonnie Cullison), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows)