

Minutes
February 08, 2011

President Matt Zaborsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and Arnie Gordon approved the agenda and minutes with Kathy Curtis and Steve Cohen respectively seconding. Matt Zaborsky then announced that the minutes, beginning with this meeting's minutes, would be a succinct summary of the meeting rather than an almost verbatim document.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Memory Care Facility: Ed Kubis and Don Feltman, realtors and managing directors of the proposed Olney Assistive Living, and Ron Ladue, realtor representing Olney Church of Christ

The one story brick and stone memory care building planned for the Church of Christ at Olney property will be designed to provide dignity and respect for residents and have a low impact on the surrounding Olney residents. Four communities, each with 16 residents spatially housed inside attractive and distinctly different townhouse facades to enable location cuing and give the appearance of one's home, open onto secured grounds. Attractive landscaping and low positioned lighting minimizes the impact on the existing community. There will be 32 parking spaces for staff and visitors. To see pictures of how the Olney residence will look and learn more about the operations of it, visit the website of the residence in Great Falls, Virginia.

<http://greatfallsassistedliving.com/>

2. Update on Intercounty Connector (ICC) Project: Melinda Peters and Carla Julian

The ICC will open at 6:00 a.m. on February 22, 2011, weather permitting, and no tolls will be collected until 12:01 a.m. on March 7, 2011 so drivers can experience the road and the state can test conditions. E-Z Pass transponders are mandatory beginning March 7, and drivers without one will be photographed and fined three dollars. Tolls are below:

General Time Frame	Specific Days and Time Frames	First Segment Toll
Peak Hours	Monday – Friday: 6 – 8 a.m. and 4 – 7 p.m.	\$1.45
Off Peak Hours	Monday – Friday: 5 – 6 a.m., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 7 – 11 p.m., Saturday – Sunday: 5 a.m. – 11 p.m.	\$1.15
Overnight	Daily	\$0.60

Ms. Peters and Ms. Julian distributed an ICC map of the MD 97 and MD 28 segment and pointed out that a driver entering the ICC from MD 28 cannot exit north onto MD 97, a design to prevent the bypass of the MD 97/ICC entrance. An information ICC office will be located at MD 370.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS

Treasurer: Filling in for **Roy Peck, Ruth Laughner** said she and Matt Zaborsky had created a budget based on the past year's expenses. The current balance of \$16,236.79 will be in the financial report she emails.

Corresponding Secretary: **Ruth Laughner** said the correspondence includes a schematic of the Bowie Mill development.

Chamber of Commerce: **Joe Buffington** reminded us the deadline for the Athena award application is March 4, and the award ceremony is May 6th. The application is at www.olneychambers.org.

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee: **Bob Beard** announced Audrey Fischer Partington has joined the committee. This year's main project is outreach of the design guidelines for developers. See www.olneytowncenter.org for information on the opening dates of the new businesses for the 90 acre town center. Fred Boyd has replaced Khalid Afzal as our Park and Planning Commission liaison.

Civic Federation: **Arnie Gordon** highlighted two proposals of the Montgomery County Organizational Reform Commission, one to combine the recreation department into the department of park and planning, and the other to merge the park and planning police with the county police. The latter has been introduced as MC-PG 112-11. Sharon Dooley and Jodi Finkelstein volunteered to review the commission's entire report.

Membership Committee: **Matt Zaborsky**, due to Jim Haddow's absence, gave the report and stated that a number of forms had been filled out inaccurately and the leaders of those homeowners will be contacted.

Transportation Committee: Paul Jarosinski noted the predicted traffic increase of 40% on MD 97 north/MD 28 would translate into > 19,000 additional cars per weekday. Due to budget cutbacks, the fine top surface of asphalt that reduces noise will not be applied to the ICC until nighttime hours during the summer. New members are needed for the committee, and Jackie Benn volunteered.

President's Report: Matt Zaborsky pointed out that the traffic signal at the intersection of Cashell and Bowie Mill roads will be erected in July, 2011, and the mystery of which civic association had requested the light was cleared when Robert Wilson shared that Brooke Manor had partnered with the Maryland Department of Transportation to obtain the light to reduce thru traffic. Mr. Zaborsky also reported the MD 97/MD 28 intersection remains in 4th place on the state's road improvement priority list, the county council is discussing the Rapid Bus Transit as a solution to reduce vehicle traffic, and the Lien Priority Bill, House Bill 842, will be submitted.

Nominating Committee – Ron Berger announced the winners of the GOCA awards:

1. GOCA Worker of the Year: Ruth Laughner
2. Olney Heritage Award: Ron Berger
3. GOCA Citizen of the Year: B'nai Shalom Synagogue of Olney
4. Contribution to the Community winners: Lydia Rappolt, Fred Teal and Deborah Wagner, and The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Results of the Elections for the 2011 GOCA Leadership Team

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| 1. President – Matt Zaborsky | 2. Executive Vice-President – Jodi Finkelstein |
| 3. First Vice-President – Ellen Bogage | 4. Second Vice-President – Lori Wilen |
| 5. Recording Secretary – Theresa Kyne Robinson | 6. Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Curtis |
| 7. Treasurer – Ruth Laughner | |

Unfinished Business

1. **Lien Priority Bill** – Mary Eisner said MD Delegate Doyle Niemann, subcommittee chair of the Environmental Matters Committee, is creating a lien bill that is likely to be acceptable to the banks because the bill will not make lien payments a priority; however it will require banks to pay 6 months of dues to homeowners associations. Joe Buffington said the distressed properties must be FAA approved.
2. **Untable Motion** – Barbara Falcigno moved to untable the motion to donate \$250 to the Olney Boys and Girls Club. Bob Beard called the question for the motion and it was overwhelmingly denied.

New Business: Brad Branch – Prometheus Radio Project

The project is a grass roots campaign to empower communities prompted by the law passed January 4, 2011, which allows low power FM stations to be on the dial. Would GOCA be interested in building, producing, and sponsoring a radio station, and is it feasible? Start-up costs vary for the building and signal, but can range from \$4000 to \$100,000. There are ethics issues. Who will regulate it and determine who will have access to express their issues? Mr. Branch encouraged us to read the handouts he distributed and gave us a website for further information, www.prometheusradio.org. Arnie Gordon and Mr. Branch will head the committee with Sharon Dooley and hopefully Lisa Stancik will help.

New Resolution: Arnie Gordon

“Whereas the County’s Organizational Reform Commission has recommended:

1. “...the incorporation of Park Police into the Montgomery County Police Department.” and
2. “...[the] transfer [of] all “park user services” to the Executive Branch of County government by folding them into the Recreation Department and retaining the park planning functions within M-NCPPC, along with the environmental stewardship of natural, historic, and cultural resources on park property.”; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly has before it a bill to authorize inter alia, these recommendations in MC/PG112-11; and,

Whereas, this bill will be heard and considered at a public hearing by the delegation on February 25; and,

Whereas, in the current fiscal emergency and for sound and prudent management generally, it may be deemed appropriate to merge the two police agencies into one;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Greater Olney Civic Association, that this organization endorses and approves the adoption of the aforesaid legislation.

Bob Beard seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Kyne Robinson, Recording Secretary

People in attendance: Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Bob Beard (Homeland Village), Ron Berger (Norbeck Meadows), David Blagg (Church of Christ at Olney), Joe Buffington (Olney Chamber of Commerce), Brad Branch (Olney Mill), Keith Carlson (Hallowell), Steve Cohen (Oak Grove), Elija Cole (Church of Christ at Olney), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Neena Datt (Office of Senator Karen Montgomery), Sharon Dooley (James Creek), Merry Eisner (Office of Delegate Sam Arora), Veronica Everett (Victoria Springs), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Don Feltman (Olney Assisted Living), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Terri Hogan (Gazette), Claire Iseli (Office of Councilmember Marc Elrich), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Carla Julian (ICC Project), Ed Kubis (Olney Assisted Living), Ron Ladue (REMAX Realty Centre), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Anthony Macalusa (Hallowell), Robert Kim McCary (Cherrywood), James Messimore (Cherrywood), Barry Newton (Ashton), Melinda Peters (State Highway Administration), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Theresa Kyne Robinson (Olney Oaks), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Louis Saporito (James Creek), Larry Soloman (Norbeck Grove), Lisa Stancik (Homeland Village), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Larry Van Druff (REMAX Realty Centre), John Webster (Manor Oaks), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Lori Wilen (Cherrywood), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Robert Wilson (Brooke Manor Estates), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows)