

Minutes
November 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Zaborsky called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the introductions, Brad Branch gave a quick introduction to Roberts Rules of Order in his position as parliamentarian. He stated that Robert Rules is designed to help move meeting along in a structured and orderly fashion. He stated that the last meeting ended on a sour note, that officers have made amends and that GOCA is moving forward. Brad emphasized the importance of order and civility at GOCA, and that he would be enforcing Roberts Rules of Order toward this end. He reminded delegates that agenda items may be added at the beginning of the meetings, and that only 2 delegates from each HOA can vote at any given meeting, in addition to the GOCA officers.

Arnie Gordon moved to approve the October agenda, and Sharon Dooley seconded. Agenda was unanimously approved. Arnie moved to approve the minutes, and Lydia Rappolt seconded. Troy Kimmel asked that all his amendments twice offered to the secretary be included in the minutes. Brad noted that the minutes are to be a succinct summary of the meeting. Please note that Troy's full statement was included in the correspondence binder. The minutes, without amendment, were approved by a vote of 21 for and 6 against the motion.

Special Correspondence Report

Kathy Curtis noted that the GOCA correspondence binder includes letters sent to the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Montgomery County Planning Board clarifying the GOCA position on the Farquhar Middle School modernization, an article on FHA condo sale rules, local road closures at route 28, GOYIM community events notices, GOCA financial reports, Troy Kimmel's statement from the October GOCA meeting.

Kathy also noted that Matt Zaborsky and Lori Wilen had submitted letters offering resignation. David Reile motioned, seconded by Steve Cohen, to reject both resignation offers. Lori Wilen requested the motion be divided, and David therefore amended his motion to solely reject Matt's offer. David noted that after mistakes were made, Matt corrected them and has offered 18 months of great service to Olney. The motion to reject Matt Zaborsky's resignation proposal passed unanimously. Paul Jarosinski moved to reject Lori Wilen's resignation proposal, seconded by Arnie Gordon. The motion was approved, 28 for to 5 against.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Sandy Spring Museum is hosting a family event on Sunday December 11, 2011. Leisure World will hold a meeting on November 14, 2011 at 2 p.m. concerning the potential for the construction of a Walmart store in Aspen Hill

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Renovation of the Olney Public Library

Rita Gale, Public Services Administrator for Facilities and Strategic Planning for the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, and Susanne Churchill, Montgomery County Department of General Services Senior Architect and Project Manager for the Olney Library renovation, updated GOCA delegates on the Olney library renovation. The library has been closed for renovations since December of 2010. Assumptions were planning and construction would occur for a reopening in 2012. However, due to the unanticipated length of the permitting process (specifically regarding WSSC) and limited budgeting, the new anticipated opening is scheduled for spring of 2013. Presently, Milestone Construction, Inc. is beginning phase 1 preconstruction planning, to include a detailed construction schedule, construction drawings, and a schedule of values. Construction is anticipated to take 18 months, and 4-6 weeks are

planned for moving. More information on the project can be found at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libtmpl.asp?url=/content/libraries/buildings/olproject.asp>

The library doesn't usually open interim facilities due to cost considerations. Given the current economic climate, the county is likely to retain any savings due to the delay in reopening the library. Presently, the library hopes to reopen with similar staff and schedule as when it closed (54 hrs/wk, including Sundays). The library system is exploring alternative resources (i.e. pre-loaded Kindles), which may be available when the Olney library reopens.

The permitting delay from WSSC concerned inadequate water pressure, rectified by tying into a higher pressure hydrant on the northern side of route 108, but requiring state highway approval to do so. Library representatives said that Montgomery County has not run library constructions as turnkey projects, but instead manages the contracts. OTCAC representatives inquired about fencing and pedestrian improvements at the site. The library will be working with the contractor to determine the amount of fencing required for this project. The library has not yet included a pedestrian walkway either between the Olney Shopping Center or to the neighboring housing development. Such modification would require a change order, since it was not included in the general contract.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Olney Home for Life

Tom Callahan from Olney Home for Life (OHFL) updated GOCA delegates on the status of the concept. Principles on this project include Tom, Brad Branch, Marlene Zaborsky and Mike Greenhut. Olney Home for Life strives to be a volunteer-based organization serving the needs of seniors as they age in place in their Olney homes. The Olney chapter grows out of the "village" concept, begun 10 years ago in Boston. Currently there are 10 villages in Maryland, and they are endorsed by Montgomery County.

Tom reported that the Olney senior population is predicted to increase by 260% over the next several years. Organizers are currently filing for non-profit status as a 501(c)(3) organization. OHFL hopes to begin offering services in January 2012 and is currently seeking volunteers. The first meeting for volunteers will be November 16 at 7:15 p.m. Services include transportation, handyman, and shopping for seniors age 62 or older. Free shuttle bus services will be provided by Senior Connection (funded through grants and contracted through Montgomery County). Volunteers would be matched with seniors on the OHFL website. Currently, the supervision and insurance requirements seem to restrict children from participating to earn student service learning hours.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

a. President's Report

The Olney community north of Queen Elizabeth Drive was notified of a routine high pressure gas release on November 14, 2011. Maryland State Highway Administration will be installing a flashing red arrow on southbound Spartan Road at route 108; they will not be installing any additional turn signals at the Prince Phillip Drive/route 108 intersection. A light at Bowie Mill Road and route 108 light will be installed during 2012. Matt Zaborsky is seeking a meeting with State Highway regarding routes 28 and 97. Howard Greif was recognized for his ongoing effort to reduce clustering of moderately priced dwelling units or MPDUs. Any amendments to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs policies would require County Council approval.

b. Chamber of Commerce Report

Joe Buffington was not in attendance to provide a report.

c. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Helene Rosenheim, on behalf of Bob Beard, announced that the next meeting of the OTCAC was scheduled for November 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. OTCAC has invited Project Change, OBG and Councilmembers Craig Rice and Nancy Navarro to discuss ideas and plans to address the lack of youth activity facilities in the town center. OTCAC continues to solicit comments on the Town Center draft Design Guidelines.

d. Civic Federation Report

Arnie Gordon was unable to attend the last Civic Federation meeting. He will confirm receipt of the GOCA dues to the federation at their next meeting.

e. Membership Report

Jodi Finkelstein received a membership form from the Olney Village Citizens' Association tonight. Dues notices will be emailed to associations within the next month.

f. Transportation Report

The second section of the Intercounty Connector (ICC), now connecting I-270 with I-95, is scheduled to open on November 22, 2011. State traffic managers have determined there has been no change in traffic due to the ICC. The Federal Communications Commission is investigating complaints of poor cell phone coverage by residents living near the ICC.

Paul Jarosinski will follow up with Ride On regarding the proposed changes to the bus schedule. Additionally, Anne Rood reported construction trucks at the Solana development are backing up rush hour traffic to Sherwood HS.

g. Treasurers Report

Matt thanked Ruth Laughner for completing the GOCA financial report. Ruth announced that the current bank balance is \$15,294.92. GOCA has received banner rental money from Good Counsel HS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

First Baptist Church of Wheaton

This month, SEROCA and GOCA sponsored a car rally to simulate traffic on Emory Church Road anticipated by the First Baptist Church of Wheaton development. The 50 car rally was monitored by the County police and videotaped. GOCA officers agreed to explore joining the lawsuit against the church, but would not lead or provide financial services for the parties. To that end, Matt Zaborsky will meet with Dave Brown for legal counsel on the matter. Chuck Graefe reported his \$1,000 donation, committed at the October GOCA meeting, is in attorney Michelle Rosenfeld's escrow account. Any legal action would be filed within 10 days of the notice of the Planning Board's approval of the church's site plan.

Olney Assisted Living

Ann Stretch stated that OAL developers will meet with neighboring property owners on November 9, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. to discuss concerns regarding water runoff. The MC Planning Department staff is recommending approval of the project with a special exception for zoning and stormwater management.

NEW BUSINESS

Congressional Redistricting in Olney

Matt introduced Joe Corbett who explained the congressional redistricting law approved by Governor O'Malley on October 20, 2011. The new law, which goes into effect in 2012, would shift much of Olney from congressional district 4 to district 3. Joe stated that the new districts are not as compact and contiguous as they should be, and that the new district is associated with Baltimore suburbs rather than DC. Also, public hearings were held before release of the plan.

State Senator Karen Montgomery stated she was one of only two senators who objected to the plan. State Delegate Eric Luedtke noted that attempts to repeal the plan are unlikely. Joe Corbett introduced a motion to oppose the current redistricting plan. The motion did not gain a second.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The GOYIM Community Walk and the Thanksgiving Service will be November 20 and 22, 2011, respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Goodwin, Recording Secretary

GOCA Executive Board

Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Ron Berger (past president), Brad Branch (Olney Mill Community Association), Steve Cohen (Oak Grove), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Sharon Dooley (past president), Stephen Dudzik (Oatland Farm), Barb Falcigno (past president), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Lori Goodwin (Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Chuck Graefe (SEROCA), Howard Greif (Norbeck Grove), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Jeff Kahan (Christie Estates), Andrea Keller (Fair Hill Farm), Troy Kimmel (Lake Hallowell), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), John Lyons (past president), Jon Morrison (Oak Grove), David Reile (SEROCA), Theresa Kyne Robinson (Olney Oaks), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Anne Rood (Lake Hallowell), Helene Rosenheim (past president), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Larry Solomon (Norbeck Grove), Anne Stretch (Cherrywood), Dennis Twombly (Olney Mill), John Webster (Manor Oaks), Lori Wilen (Cherrywood), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows)

Elected Officials and Staff

State Senator Karen Montgomery, Delegate Eric Luedtke, Neeta Datt (State Senator Karen Montgomery)

Invited Guests

Tom Callahan (Olney Home for Life), Susanne Churchill (Montgomery County Department of General Services), Rita Gale (Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries), Terri Hogan (Gazette)

Public

Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Andy Campbell (SEROCA), Lynn Campbell (SEROCA), Nora Caplan (SSCA), Dan Corbett (Williamsburg Village), Maris Corbin (SSCA), Leslie Cronin (SEROCA), Alden English (SEROCA), Michael Greenhut (Olney Village Civic), Minerva Holloway (Anscroft), Steven Holloway (Anscroft), George Hyde (Batchellors Forest Rd.), Hank Hyde (Batchellors Forest Rd.), Ruth Hyde (Batchellors Forest Rd.), Tom Hyde (Batchellors Forest Rd.), Aleka Kapaton (Tanterra), Mel Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Audrey Partington (James Creek), Meg Pease-Fye (SEROCA), Roy Peck (Texas), Barbara Ray (GSSGS), John Salzberg (SSCA), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), John Weske (Sandy Spring), Marlene Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows)