

Minutes
October 9, 2012

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

GOCA/Olney Chamber of Commerce Congressional Forum

GOCA and the Olney Chamber of Commerce held a congressional forum, hosted by Howard Grief of the GOCA Executive Board, between Democratic Congressman John Sarbanes, Republican candidate Eric Knowles, and Libertarian candidate Paul Drgos for Maryland's 3rd Congressional District.

CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Falcigno called the meeting to order at 9:02 p.m. and the GOCA Board and delegates then introduced themselves. Arnie Gordon moved to approve the September 11, 2012 minutes as amended and Barbara Falcigno seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. Matt Zaborsky moved to approve the agenda and Paul Jarosinski seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Falcigno said that Isaiah Leggett will be doing a town hall meeting at Rosa Parks Middle School on October 23, 2012. Arnie Gordon announced that he has volunteered to be chairman for Neighbors for Question B, a county-wide organization to help pass Question B. Terri Hogan announced that the Gazette is seeking a stay at home mom for a newspaper feature interview on the current presidential election.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

a. President's Report

On October 11, 2012, the County Planning Board will be discussing the new CR & Employment Zone concept. Further, Olney's "mixed-use" town center zone will become a CR Zone. The discussion can be viewed at the www.planningboard.org website. On October 15, 2012, at 7 pm, the County Planning Board will be holding their first work session on the agricultural and rural sections of Olney with regard to the Olney Master Plan. These issues are explained in further detail at www.zoningmontgomery.org. A special thanks to OTCAC who was instrumental in the reduction of the gaudy beer/wine signs on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Rte. 108. Next month, there will be a discussion on amending the GOCA bylaws and there will be a representative from the Montgomery County Police Department to speak on the speed cameras in Olney.

b. Correspondence Report

No news to report.

c. Chamber of Commerce Report

The Chamber of Commerce reported that currently \$6000 has been raised to match the \$10,000 state grant for the renovation of the satellite police station in Olney.

d. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Three members have stepped down from the OTCAC Board and two new members have been added. OTCAC's website is still under maintenance. The Olney Library reconstruction is progressing and will be completed by next year. Updates are posted on OBX online.

e. Civic Federation Report

The Civic Federation took no position on the 10 questions on the voting ballot but questioned the length of each individual ballot. Voters should arrive at the polls early.

f. Membership Report

No new memberships have been reported

g. Transportation Report

There is a new state highway representative for Olney's district. The Consolidated Transportation State Report was held on October 4, 2012. However, the meeting was held for elected for elected officials.

h. Treasurer's Report

GOCA's current budget bank balance stands at \$9, 908.88. A budget presentation will be presented in January for the next year.

NEW BUSINESS

GOCA recommends that each person review the issues before voting on the ballot to avoid time constraints. In addition, it is essential to vote early so as to have your vote counted. Go to www.vote777.org for an explanation of each issue for each district. Lastly, It is time to start thinking on those who should be nominated for the GOCA Awards. Please consider those in your community or HOA who you feel should be recognized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to adjourn, Arnie Gordon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

GOCA Executive Board

Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Sharon Dooley (past president, Janus Creek), Barbara Falcigno (President), Kathy Curtis (2nd Vice President, Lake Hallowell), Mark K. Hill (Recording Secretary, Camelback Village), Howard Grief (Corresponding Secretary, Norbeck Grove), Ruth Laughner (Treasurer, Williamsburg Village), Helene Rosenheim (past President, Highlands), John Webster (Executive Vice President, Manor Oaks), Greg Intoccia (Ashley Hallow), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood HOA), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Lou Saporito (James Creek), Troy Kimmel (Lake Hallowell), Dennis Twombly (Olney Mill), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres).

Invited Guests

John Sarbanes (Congressman), Eric Knowles (Republican candidate), Paul Drgos (Libertarian candidate), Terri Hogan (Gazette), Karen Montgomery (State Senator).

Public

Barbara Ray (Brookeville), Alden English (SEROCA), Arnold Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Kathryn Adams (224th ASMC), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Ken Silverman (Councilmember Navarro), Ira Unger (Maryland State Delegate Bonnie Cullison) Art Brodsky (Cherrywood), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Roy Peck (Texas).