

Minutes
November 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Falcigno called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the GOCA Board and delegates and members of the public then introduced themselves. Matt Zaborsky moved to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes as amended and Barbara Falcigno seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. Matt Zaborsky moved to approve the agenda and Jackie Benn seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Falcigno announced that Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fundraiser at the Green Turtle on November 28, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 10 % of the proceeds will be donated to the Sandy Spring Fire Department. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a Silent Auction during the day. In addition, Sparky the Fire Dog will be there. Find out more at www.greenturtle.com. Matt Zaborsky announced that Olney Home for Life is now a 501 (c) 3 corporation and is now accepting donations. Finally, the Inter-Faith Service Dinner will be on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at St. Peter's Church on Rte. 108.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1) At-Large Councilmember Nancy Floreen

At-large member of the County Council, Nancy Floreen spoke on the current issues going on in the County Council. As a part of her presentation, Ms. Floreen mentioned a proposed bill (Bill 31-12) that was introduced to the Council regarding a community review process for accessory apartments. The link for the legislation is here:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=841&meta_id=43158

Ms. Floreen also mentioned that there would be a public hearing in early December on the subject and the County Council will discuss this issue in early 2013 after committee work sessions. After her presentation, there was a question and answer period amongst the HOA delegates.

2) Daniel McNickle and Bruce Mancolm

Mr. Daniel McNickle of the Montgomery County Police Department, Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit, and Bruce Mancolm of the Department of Transportation, spoke on the details of the Safe Speed Program, which oversees the growing number of speed cameras in Olney as well as the traffic signal timing on our local roads. Please contact Mr. McNickle and Mr. Mancolm for any questions on specific roadways or traffic signal timing.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

a. President's Report

GOCA is accepting nominations for the 2012 GOCA Awards. Please consider those in your community, HOA, Civic Association or Condo Association who you feel should be recognized for their special contribution to Olney. Matt Zaborsky and Helene Rosenheim will be on the Awards Committee. If you would like to be on the committee, please see Matt Zaborsky. GOCA has received reports of three new zoning violations: 1) the new psychic reader on Georgia Avenue, north of the Sandy Spring Fire Department, 2) the Berrend Dance Studio on Georgia Avenue and 3) the parking lot at Jerry's Sub Shop. These violations have been reported to zoning enforcement at Montgomery County Park & Planning, a complaint has been filed for each, and an inspector will be examining those locations. Next, Toll Brothers had a meeting on November 8, 2012 to discuss changes in their site plans at Trotter's Glen, mainly for changes to the rustic road located Batchellor's Forest. Lastly, the issue of the First Baptist Church of Wheaton has been resolved in that the judge presiding over that case has ruled that project the does not meet the dictates of Master Plan and should not be built. There has been no appeal of this decision.

b. Correspondence Report

Information has been presented on Trotter's Glen, the Accessory Apartments Bill and the County resolution of the issue of the First Baptist Church. Lastly, the county council is currently conducting studies and is looking for volunteers.

c. Chamber of Commerce Report

The Chamber of Commerce reported that it has reached the goal of \$10,000 matching funds for the Olney police satellite station. Now, the issue remains on how to refurbish the satellite station, with improvements focused on deferring long term operating costs.

d. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Goddard School, which will be building on Morningwood Drive, had their hearing before the park & planning committee.

e. Civic Federation Report

The Civic Federation reported that there was a proposal on Nov. 12 by Dan Wilhem, transportation chairman of the civic federation, that civic federation supports the passing of legislation giving Montgomery County the authority to raise taxes that are normally only available to the state whose those funds would normally be used by Department of Transportation for road and transit projects. This measure was voted down. Next, there was a warning concerning the new electric bills due to the new smart meters giving false estimates. It is recommended that a picture be taken of the readings of the old meter before the new smart meter is installed. Lastly, the Homestead Credit for property tax deadline is December 31. Please go to www.sdat.gov to see if you have complied.

f. Membership Report

New membership dues from the HOAs are to be in on January 8, 2013. The updated GOCA membership form will be available on the GOCA website in December.

g. Transportation Report

The Consolidated Transportation State Report was held on October 4, 2012. A copy of the report shows that the estimates for intersections for Rte. 97 and Rte. 28 are still skewed. The county plans to replace one thru-lane on major traffic arteries with bus-only lanes to reduce congestion, forcing more people to ride the bus. This is not the bus-rapid transit program but a separate program altogether.

h. Treasurer's Report

GOCA's current budget bank balance stands at \$10,013.88. A budget presentation will be presented in January for the next year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to adjourn, Matt Zaborsky seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

GOCA Executive Board

Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Sharon Dooley (Past President, Janus James Creek), Barbara Falcigno (President Olney Oaks), Kathy Curtis (2nd Vice President, Lake Hallowell), Meg Pease-Fye (1st Vice President, SEROCA), 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 Hollow Hallow), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood HOA), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Lou Saporito (James Creek), Dennis Twombly (Olney Mill), Chuck Graefe (SEROCA), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Jim Smith (Oastland Oatland Farm) Andrea Keller (Fair Hill Farm)

Invited Guests

Nancy Floreen (At-Large Councilmember), Daniel McNickle (ATEV-MCPD), Bruce Mancolm.

Public

Barbara Ray (Brookeville), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), (Mark - Matt is a Past President so move him to the Executive Board list) Jon Morrison (Oak Grove), Kayla Lopez (County Councilmember Navarro) Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm) (Mark - Danny is a Delegate so move him to the Executive Board list), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm).