

Minutes
December 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Falcigno called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and the GOCA Board and delegates, alternates, and members of the public then introduced themselves. Lydia Rappolt moved to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes and Meg Pease-Fye seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. Helene Rosenheim moved to approve the agenda and Meg Pease-Fye seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Falcigno announced that on January 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Rosbody Community Center John Carter and Fred Boyd will hold a discussion on the overall workings of the Sandy Spring's limited Master Plan amendment. Secondly, Barbara Falcigno advised that Olney residents should not go into the local parks after dark because of deer management, particularly on December 17th and throughout January, February, and March 2013.

Helene Rosenheim announced that Project Change is having an end-of-the-year donation drive and currently has \$7,000. Further, Project Change is now actively recruiting Board Members and volunteers.

Arnie Gordon announced that Montgomery County (MC) has a program to establish rainscapes on your property, with MC providing \$1,200 for residential lots and \$5,000 for commercial property in rebates for the cost of the project. For more information go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rainscapes

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

There was a special discussion between the GOCA Board and the GOCA delegates on amending particular GOCA bylaws. The By Laws Committee presented a draft of the revised By Laws for approval by the Executive Board. A discussion resulted in the approval of two changes and tabling of the remainder of the By Laws for the January meeting. The vote to approve limiting the number of Past Presidents to serve on the Executive Committee was passed with 18 yes votes, 5 no votes, and one abstention. A motion to retain the At-Large membership category was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Lydia Rappolt. The motion was defeated with 4 yes votes, 9 no votes, and 3 abstentions.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

a. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Righttime Medical wants to add a sign on the south side of their entrance. The sign meets the standard request but, must go through Sign Board because of misrepresentation in prior requests before Sign Board. GOCA approves of the sign being that it meets the standards of the Sign Board.

b. Membership Report

The 2013 GOCA Membership form is on the website. The due date is for that form is January 8, 2013 with a grace period up to March 31, 2013.

c. Transportation Report

There was an official notification from State Highway about road closures on Dr. Bird Road which is in the Correspondence Report folder. Anticipate delays on that road.

NEW BUSINESS

The Accessory Apartments Bill was introduced (Bill 31-12). Bill 31-12 allows Accessory Apartments by right. GOCA is on record opposing this Bill. In response to the concerns raised during the public hearing, ZTA 12-11 was introduced to give the community an opportunity to object to the findings of the director or question the available parking. The Executive Committee recommended a motion stating "GOCA supports the current system of special exceptions for accessory apartments. In the case that accessory apartments are allowed by right, GOCA supports Bill 31-12 in order to have citizen response to the Director's Report and the parking impact to their communities." It passed with a vote of 17 for and 7 against and 1 abstention.

There are development plans for Trotter's Glen Golf Course (Polinger Property). One issue is whether or not the community connects to Emory Church Road as well as Batchellor's Forest Rd. The Olney Master Plan regarding this connection is ambiguous. GOCA has tabled the matter until they can hear more from SEROCA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

GOCA Executive Board

Sharon Dooley (Past President, 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), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood HOA), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Dennis Twombly (Olney Mill), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Danny Benn (Past President, Fair Hill Farm), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Judy Broseker (Brookeville Knolls), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Edward Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Steve Cohen (Oak Grove), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Joe Corbett, (Williamsburg Village).

Public

Barbara Ray (Brookeville), Della Dorsey (Camelback Village), Tim Stemann (Williamsburg Village), Ken Silverman (Councilmember Navarro), Kim McCrary (Cherrywood), Janice Fothergic (SEROCA).