

Minutes  
February 12, 2013

**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. Barbara Falcigno moved to approve the January 8, 2013 minutes and Arnie Gordon seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by the delegates. Barbara Falcigno moved to approve the agenda and Arnie Gordon seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously by the delegates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barbara Falcigno announced that on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, Ike Leggett will be doing the State of the County Address at Silver Spring Civic Building at 7:30 p.m. David Reille and Barbara Suddarth were honored at by Montgomery County Civic Federation as "Community Heroes" in January. The GOCA Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Longwood Recreational Center. Many elected officials will be attending, including John Sarbanes, Karen Montgomery, and Ike Leggett. The Maryland Transportation Administration has approved raising the speed limit of the ICC to sixty miles an hour beginning March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Matt Zaborsky announced that the State Highway Administration has confirmed that the traffic light on Emory Road and Georgia Avenue is now a fully functioning traffic light.

Jackie Benn announced that there is work being done on the traffic lights at the intersection of Spartan Road and Rte. 108, which should be completed fairly soon.

Dan Benn announced that Relay For Life will be held at Sherwood High School on June 8, 2013. See Dan Benn for more information.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

**1) TROTTER'S GLEN DEVELOPMENT**

There was a slideshow presentation presented by Barbara Falcigno, highlighting the background and the complexity of issues involved in the Trotter's Glen development plan. Afterwards, Fred Boyd and Rich Weaver of Montgomery County Park & Planning lead a lengthy question and answer session with the delegates concerning the Trotter's Glen development plan.

**2) GOCA Bylaws**

There was discussion on the amendments to the GOCA Bylaws. There was a motion by Paul Jarosinski to edit Article II #5 to read "If one or none of the LCA's Representatives or Alternate Representatives listed on the Membership Form are available to attend a meeting, another one or two Alternates may be designated by the LCA and that fact conveyed to the GOCA Executive Vice-President via email or letter signed by the LCA President prior to the

start of the GOCA meeting." This was seconded by Arnie Gordon. A second motion was made by Paul Jarosinski and seconded by Arnie Gordon to strike from Article II #9 the designation of all Past Presidents as Ex Officio members. Both motions passed unanimously. A final copy of the Bylaws will be sent to the delegates and final approval will be voted on in March.

## **OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

### **a. President's Report**

A letter was sent to the appropriate state legislators reiterating GOCA's opposition to increased speed limits on the ICC due to the exponential increase of noise and pollution to the properties adjacent the highway. The Committee held a hearing on February 7, 2013. Next, The Montgomery County Park & Planning Board held a Development Review Committee (DRC) on February 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Trotter's Glen project.

The Planning Board will have a two hour session with the Legal Department regarding Farquhar Middle School on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Finally, information on Karen Montgomery's bill for a Property Tax Credit for Retail Service Stations using Alternative Power Sources can be found at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmlst.aspx?tab=home>

### **b. Correspondence Report**

Notices include updated project plans from Toll Bros, more detailed plans for the Sandy Spring Fire Dept. land donation, documentation on the STRIDE legislation, and the GOCA resolutions passed in January.

### **c. Olney Chamber of Commerce**

The ATHENA Awards are approaching. Nominations forms can be found on the Olney Chamber of Commerce website and are due on March 1, 2013. Awards will be presented on May 3, 2013. Additionally, Olney Chamber of Commerce scholarships are coming up. Scholarship forms will be on the website soon and are due April 27, 2013.

### **d. Olney Town Center**

Construction is starting on the Hillcrest property with a two building retail project, one building will have a hair salon and the other building is to be leased to one to three tenants. Additionally, OTCAC is working with the county government to create pedestrian connections between the Olney Library, the Olney Shopping Center, and Homeland Village.

### **e. Civic Federation Report**

The Civic Federation passed a resolution to support SB281 and all eight points of Governor O'Malley's proposals on gun safety. The Community Hero Award for February went to the Citizens Coalition on Zoning for challenging the County Council on Accessory Apartments. In particular, honorable mention should be made to Jean Cavanaugh, Marilyn Piety, Naomi Spinrad, and William Mentzer.

### **f. Membership Report**

The grace period for membership form and dues ends on March 31, 2013.

### **g. Transportation Report**

After corresponding with the State Highway Agency, the Transportation Committee has found that the traffic light at the intersection of Bowie Mill and 108 will be completed in the summer of 2013. The traffic light at Emory Church Road is fully functioning as of February 12<sup>th</sup> and the misplaced sign at Rte 97 intersecting at Rte 28 has been fixed. There are new speed cameras on Rte.108 between the Olney Post Office and Olney Mill as Rte. 108 has been designated as a speed camera corridor. Norbeck Meadows Civic Association wrote a letter to the State Transportation Authority requesting that the tolls be reduced on the ICC to increase traffic. The State Transportation Authority refused this suggestion and stated that tolls would rise July of 2013. Lastly, SB830, a bill that permits adding a sales tax to the gas tax as well as allowing local jurisdictions to add an additional tax to the gas tax, has been submitted.

### **h. Treasurer's Report**

HOAs, civic centers, and Civic Associations have donated \$800 dollars towards Olney Days. The current amount in dues from HOAs LCAs stands at \$1,950.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The GOCA Nominating Committee has a list of candidates for the GOCA Board Officers. The list of candidates are Barbara Falcigno for President, John Webster for Executive Vice-President, Howard Greif for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Kathy Curtis for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mark Hill for Recording Secretary, Ruth Laughner for Treasurer, and Greg Intoccia for Corresponding Secretary. The GOCA delegates approved the candidates for officer positions unanimously.

March 3 is the GOCA Awards ceremony at Longwood Recreational Center at 2:00. Award recipients are:

- \* Ron Berger Heritage Award Winner: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- \* Howard J. Garber Citizen of the Year: Arnie Gordon
- \* Contribution to the Community: Jackie & Danny Benn, The Olney Theatre, and Dave Peers & Arianna Peers
- \* GOCA Worker of the Year: Kathy Curtis

GOCA is trying to development a "GOCA Foundation," spearheaded by John Webster, to raise funds for charitable and educational purposes in the Olney community. Feedback and volunteers needed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

### **GOCA Executive Board**

Sharon Dooley (GOCA Past President, James Creek), Barbara Falcigno (GOCA 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), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Judy Broseker (Brookeville Knolls), Jodi Finkelstein (Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Steve Cohen (Oak Grove), Barbara Ray (Brookeville), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village) Janice Fothergill (SEROCA), Bob Reel (Victoria Springs) Andrea Keller (Fairhill Farms) Clayton Englar (SEROCA), Matt Zaborsky (GOCA Past President, Norbeck Meadows).

### **Invited Guests**

Fred Boyd (MCPPC), Richard Weaver (MCPPC), Tom Mateya (Toll Brothers, Director of Land Development), Mike Lenhart (Toll Brothers, Traffic Engineer), Michael Clay (Toll Brothers).

### **Public**

Tim Stemann (Williamsburg Village), Ken Silverman (Councilmember Navarro), Kim McCrary (Cherrywood), Liz Symonds (SEROCA), Maria Bender (Brookville Knolls), Mary Kerr (Brookville Knolls), Mary Howard (SEROCA), Martin Saia (SEROCA), John Loudon (SEROCA), David Reile (SEROCA) Aleka Kapaton,(Tanterra), Marti English (SEROCA), Peggy Shaw (SEROCA), Ryan McDonald (Boy Scout Troop 264), Chad Carlson (Boy Scout Troop 264), Tim Garrity (Boy Scout Troop 264), Keith Mangolas (Boy Scout Troop 264), Nate Kinter (Boy Scout Troop 264), David Robbin (Boy Scout Troop 264), Terry Peters, Alden English (SEROCA), Bruce Erwin (SEROCA), Liz Erwin (SEROCA), Brian Townsend (SEROCA), Vicky Aceto (Olney Square), Steve Saia (Olney Square), Barbara Jackson (SEROCA), Claudia Jackson (SEROCA), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm).