

Minutes
May 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Falcigno called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and the GOCA Board and delegates, alternates, and members of the public then introduced themselves. Matt Zaborsky moved to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes and Arnie Gordon seconded. The March minutes were approved unanimously by the delegates. Kathy Curtis moved to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes and John Webster seconded. The April minutes were approved unanimously by the delegates. Matt Zaborsky moved to approve the amended agenda and Arnie Gordon seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously by the delegates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Falcigno announced that there will be a few walks and runs throughout the summer such as Jeremy's Run on Memorial Day and Alex Popeck's Walk/Run on June 23, 2013. Also, Olney Days is from May 18-19, 2013. More information can be found at [Olney Days.org](http://OlneyDays.org).

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Presentations and question and answer session by State Senator Roger Manno, State Delegate Anne Kaiser, State Delegate Craig Zucker, State Senator Karen Montgomery, State Delegate Eric Luedtke, State Delegate Ben Kramer, State Delegate Bonnie Cullison, and State Delegate Sam Arora.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

a. President's Report

Barbara Falcigno announced that the County Park & Planning Board held a meeting on Rural Open Space easements on May 9th. Troy Kimmel testified representing the Brooke Grove PTA, Stuart Barr testified representing Montgomery Hospice on Muncaster Mill Road, and Bill Chen testified representing the Hyde family. The Park & Planning Board adopted restrictive guidelines for potentially releasing / reassigning Rural Open Space easements in the case of land-swaps.

On May 16th, the Park & Planning Board will have a public forum on the Bus-Rapid Transit program, or BRT. The County Council will hold a hearing on June 11, 2013 on the revised zoning code. Four to five volunteers from GOCA and OTCAC are needed to research the intricacies of the new zoning code.

Bill 1313, a new bill that calculates the difference between pervious and impervious types of pavement, is up for public discussion. The hearing will take place on June 18th at 1:30. Montgomery General Hospital (MGH) has a liaison outreach group that discusses local issues of development with community residents. The outreach group is having a meeting on May 21 at 6:00 in the MGH cafeteria conference room. Representatives from GOCA needed.

b. Correspondence Report

Notices include a \$600 dollar check from Graves and an applications to participate in Olney Idol during Olney Days.

c. Olney Chamber of Commerce

On June 13th, Olney Chamber Of Commerce will hold a Scholarship and Awards Ceremony from 6-9:30 pm at the Norbeck Country Club.

d. Olney Town Center Report

OTCAC has received draft designs for pedestrian safety measures from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. The draft designs are for Spartan Road, north of Rte. 108 and Morningwood Road, near High Street. The next OTCAC meeting is on May 28, 2013.

e. Civic Federation Report

The Civic Federation received a report from the Director of Parks on how all parks are planned. In the report, there is a plan to change diamond-shaped fields into rectangular-shaped fields for the game of cricket.

f. Membership Report

The official delegate list was presented. Contact John Webster for any questions.

g. Transportation Report

There are continued reports of traffic problems on Georgia Avenue from the Olney-Brookville Exchange and residents in Flower Valley. In particular, the Emory Church Road traffic signal is still acting erratically due to phantom traffic as well as other traffic issues.

The Brooke Manor HOA is looking into reducing the speed in their community through such measures as speed bumps, one way lanes, and the like. Lastly, the light at Rte. 108 and Bowie Mill Road will be completed June of 2013 and the repaving of Georgia Avenue from Old Baltimore Road to Queen Mary Drive will be completed by spring of 2014.

h. Olney Days Report

Olney Days is on the weekend of May 18-19. However, it will not take place on the evening of Friday, May 17th. Volunteer sign-ups are at www.olneydays.org or www.olneydays.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next GOCA meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to adjourn; Arnie Gordon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

GOCA Executive Board

Barbara Falcigno (GOCA President, Olney Oaks), Kathy Curtis (2nd Vice President, Lake Hallowell), Greg Intoccia (Corresponding Secretary, Ashley Hollow), Howard Grief (1st President, Norbeck Grove), Mark K. Hill (Recording Secretary, Camelback Village), Ruth Laughner (Treasurer, Williamsburg Village), Helene Rosenheim (Past President, Highlands), John Webster (Executive Vice President, Manor Oaks), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood HOA), Ann Marie Saporito (James Creek), Louis Saporito (James Creek), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Andrea Keller (Fair Hill Farm), Judy Broseker (Brookeville Knolls), Bob Reel (Victoria Springs), Meg Pease-Fye (SEROCA), Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Troy Kimmel (Lake Hallowell), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Past President, Norbeck Meadows), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm,) Dave Rada (Brooke Manor), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village).

Invited Guests

State Senator Roger Manno, State Delegate Anne Kaiser, State Delegate Craig Zucker, State Senator Karen Montgomery, State Delegate Eric Luedtke, State Delegate Ben Kramer, State Delegate Bonnie Cullison, State Delegate Sam Arora, Ken Silverman (Office of Councilmember Nancy Navarro), Terri Hogan (The Gazette).

Public

Alden English (SEROCA), Barbara Ray (Green Space), Terry Anderson (Olney), Kala Surprenant, Kaden Fritzer, Sunil Surprenant, William Stubber, Alejandro Prieto, Michael Kearney (Boy Scout Troop 457), Art Bodsky (Cherrywood), Danny Benn (Fairhill Farm) Sharon Kay Dooley (James Creek), Aleka Kapaton,(Tanterra), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Zachana Saussi-Tanani.