

Minutes  
October 8, 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. Jackie Benn moved to approve the September minutes and John Webster seconded. Kathy Curtis moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by the delegates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

On October 9, 2013 the County Council is having a town hall for students at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Council Building on the second floor and 7:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Council Building.

The County Council is seeking volunteers to study election laws and practices. The deadline for applying is on October 30, 2013.

On November 11, 2013 in the Remax Room there will be a rainscape presentation at 7 p.m. Delegate Craig Zucker announced that he had available contact information on local delegate contacts for constituent services.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: State Highway Admiration Presentation**

Anyesha Mookherjee of District 3, representing the State Highway Administration (SHA) conducted a presentation on SHA transportation and parking initiatives and solutions followed by a question and answer session, which addressed concerns and problematic issues from GOCA on the local transportation issues in the Olney community.

**Timing of Lights on Georgia Avenue Presentation**

John Riehl of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations conducted a presentation on the timing of the lights on Georgia Avenue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bikeways and pedestrian walkways**

In accordance to the Olney Master Plan to have bikeways and pedestrian walkways as a priority for the Olney Town Center, GOCA Officers' Committee proposed the following motion as follows:

**Expand the Olney Master Plan map area to include the throughways of Gold Mine Road in the north, Emory Lane in the south, Cashell Road in the west,**

**and Old Baltimore Road in the east so that all connecting roads will have a multi-use path to access Olney Town Center.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Zoning Rewrite**

President Barbara Falcigno explained that Pamela Dunn of MC Park & Planning, the point person on the rewrite of the zoning code, was trying to simplify the zoning code because the current zoning regulations, along with the amendments, were too complex. Councilmember Nancy Floreen provided an update to the rewriting of the zoning process, which includes measures for pedestrian safety.

As such, a motion was proposed to address key aspects of the zoning rewrite which is as follows:

**GOCA endorses the goal of simplifying the current zoning code. However, GOCA insists that the Master Plan be dominant over the zoning. All development plans must conform to the Master Plan. This means that the commercial/residential (CR) zones must be recommended in the applicable master Plan. Floating Zones must not be applied without public input. Non-residential and institutional uses would not be allowed without notice and input to nearby neighbors.**

The motion was tabled.

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

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

President Barbara Falcigno announced that Sandy Spring Village is having an amendment made to their Master Plan on October 23, 2013.

Next, on the president discussed the Olney Civic Fund. The purpose of the Olney Civic Fund, a 501c3 which is tax deductible, is for Olney Days and other similar events for the Olney community. Further, the Olney Civic Fund is planning to schedule community events such as a golf tournament, a walk-run, and direct solicitation to support the fund. Lastly, the Olney Civic Fund has no association with GOCA.

### **b. Correspondence Report**

Greg Intoccia stated that the changes to the Correspondence Report were discussed during this present GOCA meeting.

### **c. Chamber of Commerce Report**

Joe Buffington announced that Olney Community Night will be on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Good Counsel High School from 5:30 to 8:00.

#### **d. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**

Helene Rosenheim OTCAC's next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the zoning rewrite. At the last OTCAC meeting, Delegate Craig Zucker attended and discussed the potential availability of funds for brick-n-mortar type projects in the Olney Town Center area. Further, issues that were discussed were the progress of the Olney Library and pedestrian connections to the library property.

#### **e. Nomination Committee Report**

Matt Zabrosky announced that The Nominating Committee needs nominations for citizen awards in March 2014 and the new forms are on the GOCA website. Nominations are due by January 2014.

#### **f. Transportation Report**

Lee Lofthus discussed the automated speed camera data received by the Transportation Committee. Seven cameras in the Olney area issued at least 65,000 tickets were issued in Olney for 2012, which brought \$2.5 million dollars in fine to Olney residents. Further, Olney has 8.5% of the speed cameras in Montgomery County yet generates 18% of the speed camera revenue for Montgomery County. In addition, Olney generates \$7,000 a day in fines due to speed cameras. The average county generates \$169,000 a year in fines while Olney generates \$369,000 in fines, more than twice the average of other counties and is a disparity that should be investigated.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

#### **Respectfully submitted,**

Mark K. Hill, Recording Secretary

#### **GOCA Executive Board**

Barbara Falcigno (President, Olney Oaks), Kathy Curtis (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lake Hallowell), Greg Intoccia (Corresponding Secretary, Ashley Hollow), 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), Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Judy Broseker (Brookeville Knolls), Bob Reel (Victoria Springs), Meg Pease-Fye (SEROCA), Barbara Barry (Perspective Woods), Arnie Gordon (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Past President, Norbeck Meadows), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm,) Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Dave Rada (Brooke Manor) Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows) Jon Morrison (Oak Grove) Andrea Keller (Fair Hill Farm), Jeffery Kahan (Christie Estates), Troy Kimmel (Lake Hallowell).

#### **Invited Guests**

Terri Hogan (The Gazette), Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Delegate Craig Zucker, Anyesha Mookherjee (District 3, State Highway Administration), Senator Karen Montgomery (District 14), John Riehl (MD-DOT).

**Public**

Kevin Mell (MedStar Montgomery), Matthew Brooking (Hallowell), Barbara Ray (Brookeville), Joshua St. Pierre (Delegate Craig Zucker), Kim McCary (Cherrywood), Bill Colomerio (Olney Mill), Michael Kelley (Sandy Spring), Art Bodsky (Cherrywood), Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Trish Toven (Flower Valley), Greg Fury (Olney Village), Tim Steman (Williamsburg Village), Joe Fritsch (Highlands), Lee Lofthus (Oatlands), Michael Valene (Sandy Spring),.