

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President John Webster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the GOCA representatives, alternates, and members of the public introduced themselves. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2014 minutes with specified name corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously. The agenda was modified to withdraw the Inn at Brookville Farms presentation. A motion was made and seconded to approve amended the January agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS – No announcements were made.

WSSC BILLING, RATE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

Jerry Irvine, Public Affairs Manager, Donald Barrett WSSC, Customer Advocate

Billing occurs on a quarterly basis, when weather is impactful, delays can occur. WSSC is working to keep the fluctuations in the rate increases stable, projected to be 6 percent over a period of 5 years. Assistance is available for those with demonstrated need. WSSC works through a formal process with the county in increasing these fees. WSSC plans to spend \$1.7B in upgrades to the water and sewer system over the next 6 years. The goal is to replace 55 miles of pipe per year. The existing infrastructure is old and was designed to last 50 years. Many parts of the system exceed 100 years. The new infrastructure being installed has a life expectancy of 100 years.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Nominating Committee, Barbara Falcigno reported,

It is that time of the year to get in your nominations for the following awards for 2014.

GOCA Citizen of the Year

Contribution to the Community

Youth Contribution to the Community

Heritage Award

GOCA worker of the Year

The nominated GOCA officers for 2015

John Webster, President -Manor Oaks,

Greg Intoccia, Executive Vice President - Ashley Hollow

Matt Quinn, 1st Vice President - Oak Grove,

Bill Calomeris, 2nd Vice President - Olney Mill

Jody Broseker, Recording Secretary –Brookville Knolls

Jackie Benn, Corresponding Secretary - Fair Hill Farm

Kathy Curtis, Treasurer - Lake Hallowell.

Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board, Greg Intoccia reported.

The County Executive's theme is to encourage business development in the county. The Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board is looking for ideas to provide to the County Executive. Please forward any ideas to Greg.

GOCA Transportation Committee, Barbara Falcigno reported

The next meeting will be Jan 20th. Representatives from the County Executive's office will be in attendance. Looking at pedestrian access, traffic control and bike trails.

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, Jim Smith reported.

OTCAC will be busy the next 18 months preparing the Concept Plan for a Civic Center/Town Commons (CC/TC). In 2000, GOCA and the Chamber of Commerce advocated strongly for a CC/TC and were successful in getting it entered prominently into the Olney Master Plan. The OTCAC is charged with developing the Concept Plan and invites the GOCA Officers and Chamber of Commerce to their January 27 meeting to hear about and provide input on the action plan for developing the Concept Plan.

The County has a new tool for the public to help define a boundary map of HOA and CA boundaries. Getting the boundaries entered and/or corrected could help GOCA get a map to use as an analytical tool. Step 1: Go to <http://222.mcatlas.org/notifications/>, zoom into Olney and find your HOA/CA and confirm your boundaries. If they are not right contact Chris McGovern in Montgomery County Planning at [301-650-5634](tel:301-650-5634) and provide exact description of the boundaries.

Step 2: Go to <http://www.mcatlas.org/hoacagrid/>, select your HOA/CA off of the list. Confirm the contact information is up to date. If not, edit the contact info and click "Send Affirmation Email" button at top.

The committee has worked through all the issues with the Chick-fil-A development and plans to write a favorable recommendation to the planning board.

The Goddard School is almost complete. The committee plans to participate in the closeout meeting with Planning staff and developer. One tenant raised concern about undesirable impact. The committee will raise two issues and solutions for the developer to consider.

We are looking for members who will be able to contribute to our action plan. The membership requirement is to attend 4 meetings out of 6 total meetings each year. If interested send email to jimsmithinolney@hotmail.com.

Library Advisory Committee, Della Dorsey reported

There are many programs including a program on the Underground Railroad in this area and an open mic night for teens. All are free. Schedules can be found on the Olney libraries website. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/olney.html>

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, Per Bob Reel, nothing new to report.

2015 Membership Renewals, Greg Intoccia reported

Emails have been mailed to the associations regarding GOCA dues for 2015. Please reach out to those associations that have not joined and encourage them to do so.

Chamber of Commerce Report (www.olneymd.org) Joe Buffington reported.

Nominations are being accepted for the 10th Anniversary Greater Olney-Sandy Spring ATHENA Award. Presented in memory of Brooke Grove Retirement Village founder, Eleanor Howe Marston, R.N., the award was created to recognize and honor women for community service and professional and personal leadership. Particular consideration is given to nominees who demonstrate a “dedication of self and a generosity of spirit” toward the greater Olney – Sandy Spring Community. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 6, 2015.

A question was asked regarding use of proceeds for the police sub-station fund. Joe agreed to report on that at the February 10 meeting.

Correspondence Report, Jackie Benn had no new correspondence to report

Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee, Matt Quinn reported

Currently Mark Hill, Della Dorsey, Barbara Ray and Howard Greif have volunteered to serve on this committee. The first meeting will be prior to the next GOCA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Quinn, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Executive Board

John Webster, President -Manor Oaks, Greg Intoccia, Executive Vice President - Ashley Hollow
Yale Tankus, 1st Vice President - Oak Grove, Bob Reel, 2nd Vice President - Victoria Springs
Matt Quinn, Recording Secretary – Cherrywood, Jackie Benn, Corresponding Secretary - Fair Hill Farm
Kathy Curtis, Treasurer - Lake Hallowell. Barbara Falcigno (Past President, Olney Oaks),

Greg Panicter, (Briar Acres) Jody Broseker, (Brookville Knolls) Dave Rada (Brooke Manor Estates)
Kevin Mahoney, (Cherrywood), Danny Benn, (Fair Hills Farm) Andrea Keller, (Fair Hills Farm)
Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Howard Greif, (Lake Hallowell) Leisa Sarecky, (Manor Oaks)
Larry Solomon (Norbeck Grove), Ed Weisel, (Norbeck Meadows) Jim Smith, (Oatland Farm) Lee
Lofthus, (Oatland Farm) Bill Calomeris (Olney Mill), Carolyn Knight, (Olney Oaks) Meg Pease-Fye,
(SEROCA) Alden English (SEROCA), Aleka Kapatou, (Tanterra) Louis Saporito (James Creek), Ann

Marie Saporito (James Creek), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village)

Invited Guests

Terri Hogan (The Gazette),

Public

Jon Marrison, (Oak Grove), Barbara Ray, (Brookeville), Vivian Malloy,(Lake Hallowell), Wilbur Malloy (Lake Hallowell) Kim McCary (Cherrywood) Tim Stellmann (Williamsburg Village) Ira Ungar, District 19 delegate, Della Dorsey, (LAC)