

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
April 11, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Intoccia called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests and members of the public introduced themselves.

Intoccia mentioned that he had received a request to make one change to the March 8, 2016 minutes to correct the misspelling of the last name of one of the GOCA representatives. Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes with the correction. Barbara Falcigno made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested change. Matt Zaborsky seconded the motion. The minutes with the requested change were approved unanimously.

Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the meeting draft agenda. Barbara Falcigno requested that the Officers/Committees/Liaison Reports for Awards be removed from the agenda. Falcigno made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested change. Matt Zaborsky seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barbara Falcigno stated that Howard Greif did an outstanding job arranging the Board of Education Candidates Debate which was held prior to the GOCA Executive Board Meeting.

**VOTING MACHINES**

Nina Uzick, a representative from Montgomery County Board of Elections, gave a presentation on how voting will change in Maryland for the upcoming primary elections on April 26, 2016. A combination of paper ballots and machine scanners will be used on Primary Election Day for the first time in Maryland. The new process will give the Board of Elections a paper trail and a record of the votes. Previously, there had been calibration issues with some of the voting machines and voting errors were made when the voter selected an incorrect button on the machine.

The new machines have been used in municipal elections in Gaithersburg, Rockville, and Tacoma Park. However, they have not been tested in a big election like a primary.

The voter will be asked to provide his name, address, month and day of birth (not the year of birth), and

how he is registered. If the voter does not have a party affiliation, he can only vote for the Board of Education Candidate. He will receive a ballot in a privacy folder. The pollster will be directed to a privacy area where he will mark the ballot by filling in the appropriate bubbles. He will then insert the ballot in the scanner. If the ballot was completed incorrectly, the scanner will inform the voter of the error. This can occur, for example, if the voter selected too many candidates. The ballot will be black lined and placed in an invalid ballot box. The voter will receive a new ballot and repeat the process. Each voter will be given three (3) times to complete the voting process.

There also will be machines available for people with disabilities who cannot see a paper ballot or have difficulty filling in a paper ballot. At least one touch-screen ballot marking device will be available in each polling place. The ballot marking device has large-print and braille capabilities.

The new machines have three (3) backups – a flash drive in front, a flash drive in back and a power outage/machine failure box. The machines also have a battery backup that keep them running for two (2) hours. The old machines did not have any backups.

Early voting for the Primary Election will take place April 14 – 21. Anyone can vote in an early voting center. The closest location to Olney is the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Ballroom on 2400 Arcola Avenue in Wheaton. Same day voter registration will be available during early voting.

## **OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Transportation Committee Report**

Barbara Falcigno stated that the Transportation Committee is continuing to follow the Montgomery County Council on the North High Street to Morningwood Drive connection and the Bowie Mill Road bikeway. The committee is also working on state road issues.

### **Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee (PP&CAC)**

Matt Quinn reported that state elected delegates will give an update at next month's GOCA Executive Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence Report**

There was no correspondence report this month.

### **Membership**

Matt Quinn stated that eleven (11) organizations have not sent in their paperwork or fees for renewal of their GOCA membership. These organizations are noted with an asterisk (\*) in the Delegate column on the GOCA sign-in sheet. Dues needed to be paid by the end of March. Delegates need to do their part to get dues paid and to have the paperwork completed. Delegates will not be able to participate if dues are not paid.

### **Chamber of Commerce**

Joe Buffington stated that the Chamber has extended the application period for their college scholarships to Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The scholarships are for a \$1500 award. Currently only have five (5) high school seniors have applied.

### **Olney Town Advisory Committee**

Lydia Rappolt stated that the next meeting will be on May 24 at 7:30 pm. The new officers will begin their terms at that meeting. Rappolt will serve as chairwoman. Helene Rosenheim will be vice chairwoman. Audrey Partington will be recording secretary. Outgoing Chairman Jim Smith will remain on the executive committee.

Rappolt stated that the committee is focusing on the concept plan and feasibility study for the civic center and town commons. The committee will also continue to review new development proposals. They will continue to coordinate their efforts with GOCA.

### **Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board**

Greg Intoccia attended the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board meeting on March 15. Intoccia stated that Nancy Floreen, Montgomery County Council President, discussed the proposed 8% property tax increase for Montgomery County residents. Floreen stated that the proposed school board budget is \$90 Million. It does not address class size. The Montgomery County Council will vote on budget items on May 26.

Intoccia stated that the Council is looking into regulating Bed & Breakfasts, in particular those in Bethesda.

The Economic Development Board is seeking an Executive Director who needs to be in place by July 1.

Intoccia also reported that crime statistics have increased in Montgomery County. This is on the Council's radar screen. New positions are being created to support safety officers.

He also mentioned that Council President Floreen stated that the Olney Town Center is a private project which needs private funding to make it happen.

The GOCA officers plan to provide feedback on the Council's proposed budget. Intoccia requested that delegates share any of their thoughts or concerns with him.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Matt Zaborsky stated that Bill 16-10 has been introduced to give special property tax credit for seniors who are age 65 or older and meet an income threshold.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, a motion was submitted to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Stacy Levine, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

**GOCA Officers**

Greg Intoccia, President – Ashley Hollow; Matt Quinn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Matt Zaborsky – Norbeck Meadows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Stacy Levine, Recording Secretary, The Reserve at Fair Hill; Robert Hambrecht, Treasurer – Williamsburg Village; Barbara Falcigno, Immediate Past President – Olney Oaks

**GOCA Delegates and Alternates**

John Blacke (Ashley Hollow), Roberto Conte (Batchellors Forest), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Cindy Edwards (Camelback Village), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Jonathan Arias (Hallowell), Howard Grief (Lake Hallowell), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Dave Miller (Norbeck Meadows), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Michael Cullingford (The Reserve at Fairhill)

**Public**

David Fishback (metro DCPFLAG), Robin Bruckner, Alyce Ortizar (Well Mind Association), Gamily Wallinster, Art Willenstein, Gina Quinn, Sarah Petusky, Tina Craun, Kahe and Theo Pahgiannis, Tom Flint, Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News)