

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Gregory Intoccia called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests and members of the public introduced themselves.

Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Intoccia noted that two changes needed to be made to the agenda for today's meeting. Olney Town Center Advisory Committee will speak first in the section for Officers/Committees/Liaison Reports. The Nominations Committee was added to the end of the same section. Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the revised agenda for today's meeting. Ed Weisel made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Jackie Benn seconded the motion. The revised agenda was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Falcigno mentioned that the GOCA Awards Ceremony will occur in March. She requested that the GOCA Delegates start thinking about who has done something in the community. She also asked that the delegates reach out to their HOAs for nominations. Voting will occur in January and February.

Jackie Benn wished on behalf of the Board that everyone gets through the hurricanes safely.

Alden English stated that the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department is having an open house on October 1st from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**SERVICE FUNCTIONS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPT. OF
ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION, UPDATE ON ROCK CREEK WATERSHED
ASSESSMENT AND LAKE HALLOWELL CLEANUP**

President Greg Intoccia introduced Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of the Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection. She introduced the two speakers.

Jessica Jones, Program Manager, Environmental Policy discussed the different programs offered by the

Department of Environmental Protection. The Department's mission is to work to enhance the quality of life in our community by protecting and improving the County's air, water, and land in a sustainable way while fostering smart growth, a thriving economy and healthy communities. Jones stated that reducing waste, recycling and reusing materials results in cleaner land, air, and water and strengthens our local economy. The County's goal is to reduce waste and recycle 70% by 2020. Currently 61% of waste is recycled in the County. The County wants to encourage recycling by making it economically efficient and easy to do.

Jenny St. John, Senior Water Quality Specialist discussed Lake Hallowell. She stated that three sewage overflows events occurred July 28, 30, and August 12, 2015. Approximately 1.2 million gallons of sewage was released into James Creek which flows to the Hawlings and Patuxent Rivers. A portion of the spills flowed into Lake Hallowell. Sewage was released where the force main pipes broke due to corrosion, and also further downstream at the WSSC Olney Sewage Pumping Station. Following the spills, WSSC repaired the force main, cleaned up and placed signs around affected areas warning people to avoid the area and contact with the water. WSSC also collected bacteriological water samples and sent the results to DEP for review. On October 26, 2015, DEP determined that the bacteriological levels had stabilized and WSSC could stop sampling.

St. John discussed the process used for the bacterial sampling. WSSC collected bacteria samples within impacted areas approximately 3 times a week following the breaks. The sampling data was compared to MD Department of Environment (MDE) Water Quality Standard for "Infrequent Full Body Contact Recreation" because it was not possible to take samples from any areas upstream of the break sites due to zero/low flow conditions.

She commented that bacteria is naturally present in waterways. While some bacteria are "unhealthy", most are beneficial. Bacteria levels are normally high after rain events especially following long dry periods because the rain washed all of the dirty surfaces into streams and rivers. She also commented that raw sewage biodegrades over time.

St. John stated that DEP visited the affected areas to perform visual assessment of aquatic resource impacts on August 12, 2015, August 20, 2015, September 1, 2015, and September 16, 2015. DEP will continue to monitor this stream every 5 years as part of the County's baseline stream monitoring program.

She ended the presentation by discussing the concerns with the lake being shallow. She stated that sediment has accumulated over time as designed. A task order that has been issued to design and dredge areas of Lake Hallowell. The preliminary concept design is scheduled to be completed by December 2017. The final design and permit approvals are due by June 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020. The construction will take approximately one year.

President Intoccia opened the floor for questions.

Matt Quinn expressed concern that some HOAs are being told they are responsible for storm water maintenance of wet ponds. Patty Bubar responded that HOAs are responsible for maintenance of ponds on their property. She requested more information from Matt Quinn on his concerns so that they can research these items for him.

Jim Smith asked for clarification on the type of assistance available for Green Design, why is ash not allowed for recycling, and where can more information be found on the water quality protection charge property tax credit. Jessica Jones responded that ash is not allowed for recycling since people do not put it out properly. More information on the property tax credit can be found on the web site montgomerycountymd.gov/wqpc. Properties are eligible for a WQPC credit. The charge is calculated based on the amount of impervious surfaces on the property. If you have storm water management on your property, you can apply for up to 80% off your charge. There is an October 1st deadline to apply for credit for the next property tax year. The credit is by tax parcel – whoever owns the property.

A question was asked regarding how often are there sewage leaks. Jenny St. John responded that they occur once every few weeks, but they leaks are not to the extent of the Lake Hallowell's leak.

A question was asked if they investigate ticks. Jessica Jones responded that the Department of Health and Human Services investigates ticks.

Matt Quinn asked if the recycling program is profitable. Patty Bubar responded that they do sell some of their products.

Greg Intoccia thanked them for coming to the meeting and asked the Delegates to share the information with their neighbors.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/LIAISON REPORTS

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Lydia Rappolt stated that their last meeting was in May after Olney Days. The public forum about the Town Commons was very positive. Many residents were unaware of the Town Commons. The comments are being compiled and will be shared at the November OTCAC meeting. Next steps for the CIP process will be discussed.

Chick Fil A is under construction. There is a notice for a sign variance hearing on September 14th. OTCAC has no objections.

OTCAC's next meeting will be on September 26th at 7:30. They will be explaining the CIP process to MCCAB.

Rappolt mentioned that they had an issue with their website address since they are a nonprofit organization. The new website address is: <https://olneytowncenter.wordpress.com/>

Jim Smith stated that the Olney Jiffy Lube's preliminary plan is up for approval by the County Planning Board at the Board's next meeting to be held on September 14th. The dividing line between the two lots may be moved. A site plan is not required for this development. OTCAC would like for Jiffy Lube to address the circulation of traffic in the parcel and the pedestrian connection. According to the Olney Master Plan, there should be open concepts between lots. Jiffy Lube is proposing a grass berm which

would make people go west on 108. People making U-turns will cause a traffic problem. Currently people can walk to 7-11. Jiffy Lube is proposing to block off the pedestrian access to 7-11. OTCAC is requesting that there be a pedestrian connection to 7-11 for people that are waiting for their cars to be serviced. He plans to testify at the upcoming meeting on behalf of OTCAC.

Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee (PP&CAC)

Greg Intoccia circulated a letter that GOCA sent to Jiffy Lube. He stated that PP&CAC and the GOCA Officers recommend supporting OTCAC's position. He said that he will attend the upcoming County Planning Board Meeting and represent GOCA, testifying on its behalf on September 14th.

The following resolution was submitted.

GOCA expresses its support of the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee's September 11, 2017 letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board recommending certain conditions be placed on the Olney Jiffy Lube Preliminary Plan, and authorizes GOCA President Greg Intoccia to offer testimony before the Montgomery County Planning Board consistent with that position.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Transportation Committee Report

Greg Intoccia stated that there is no update on the Dunkin Donuts traffic study.

Correspondence Report

Jackie Benn passed the correspondence folder to the Board. She stated that most of what is in the binder has already been discussed.

Mid County Citizens Advisory Board

Greg Intoccia stated that in July the MCCAB submitted its priority list to the Montgomery County Council for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Funding for the Olney Civic Center and Town Commons were listed as Olney's top priorities.

Nominations Committee

Barbara Falcigno stated that since Greg has served as President for two year, then that position will be open. Current officers and current representatives are eligible to fill the slot for President. She commented that there will be some turnover in the officers. There is a second meeting that is held each month for the officers. She asked the Delegates to let her know if they are interested in being an officer. She stated that serving as an officer gives you a different perspective on GOCA and is a good way to learn about Olney. The GOCA Delegates vote on the officers at the February meeting. The new officers take over in March. Greg Intoccia added that being an officer is very rewarding. It is a great networking opportunity. It is a good way to get to know people in the community and the elected

officials. Stacy Levine mentioned that there is information on each of the positions in the bylaws on the GOCA website.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Falcigno mentioned that Montgomery County Civic Federation’s newsletter has a good synopsis on the proposal that would allow companies to install antennas on light poles and other structures in neighborhoods. There also is an article about how radiation from cell phones is affecting fertility.

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 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Stacy Levine, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Greg Intoccia, President – Ashley Hollow; David Miller, 2nd Vice President; Stacy Levine, Recording Secretary - The Reserve at Fair Hill; Jackie Benn, Corresponding Secretary – Fair Hill Farm; Barbara Falcigno, Past President – Olney Oaks

GOCA Delegates and Alternates

Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Matt Quinn (Cherrywood), Lee Kidd (Cherrywood), Matthew Bernhard (Norbeck Grove), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carol Frenkel (Olney Mill), Lorie Nelson (Olney Oaks), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Subhash Gupta (Preserve at Small’s Nursery), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fairhill), Alden English (SEROCA), Alexa Kapatou Tanterra), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village).

Invited Guests

Patty Bubar, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection

Jessica Jones, Program Manager, Environmental Policy
Jenny St. John, Senior Water Quality Specialist

Public

Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Paul Geller, Kim McCary, Tim Stemann, Yesudian Cruz
(Camelback Village), Ira Ungar (Delegate Bonnie Cullison's Office)