

Greater Olney Civic Association  
Draft Minutes  
2022-04-12 Representatives Meeting

The 2022-04-12 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:35PM EST by President Helene Rosenheim, with Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan present. A quorum was present.

Those attending were:

GOCA Officers: President Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Treasurer Jeff Duce (Norbeck Grove), Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan

Representatives: Andrew Stein (Briar Acres), Maria Bender (Brookeville Knolls), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Mike Dickerson (Olney Oaks), Kelly Wasik (Tanterra), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm)

Guests: Pastor Kevin Baker (Oakdale Church), Paul Fowler (American Legion), Vikki Garcia (Office of Congressman John Sarbanes), Paul Geller (District 7 County Council Candidate), Terri Hogan (Olney Chamber of Commerce), Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Chris Miller (Owner, Lone Oak Farm Brewery Co.)  
Carol Sullivan, Colin Vale

The agenda of the 2022-4-12 representatives meeting was approved.

The minutes of the 2022-02-08 representatives meeting was approved as amended.

The minutes of the 2022-03-08 representatives meeting was tabled pending amendments.

GOCA Officers and Representatives reviewed best practices for General Rules of Conduct during public meetings.

### **Announcements**

Terri Hogan, Olney Chamber of Commerce – Funding approved by the County to begin planning on a permanent police substation with additional meeting/office space. And, the deadline for applications for Officer Noah Leotta “Act Responsibly” Scholarship. Information and applications are available on the Chamber website at: <https://www.olneymd.org>.

### **Presentation**

#### **Oakdale Church Coffee House**

Oakdale Pastor Kevin Baker and Chris Miller, Owner, Lone Oak Farm Brewery Co. discussed zoning update and process for converting the Oakdale Chapel to a coffeehouse, committed to a focus on local roasters, food, and maybe local goods. Will be a for-profit business that will support operations and maintenance of the Oakdale Chapel.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Jeff Duce asked representatives to consider donating a \$1 per door in each community to support Olney Days

**Old Business**

Treasurer Jeff Duce provided an update on County Council District 7 Candidate Events. He discussed format and presenters. Invited representatives to attend the next meeting and noted that recordings of the events will be available on the GOCA website shortly.

President Helene Rosenheim provided updates on Olney Days, April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that the Shred event announcement which includes paper, and electronics, has added collecting gently-used clothes/shoes.

**New Business****Report on Development Proposal on Hillcrest Avenue**

Chair Jim Smith from the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee presented on changes to 18201 Hillcrest Ave. that will bring a new two-story Office Building that will be used primarily for medical businesses April 20<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm to speak directly with the developer regarding the project

**Report on N. High Street Project/Morningwood Dr Safety Improvements**

President Helene Rosenheim provided background on this project. Indicated cost were higher than expected and the county was encouraged to fund the project as it could benefit by improving the tax base. The timeline for the project is estimated at FY24 completing design, FY25 land acquisition, and Construction by FY26,

Helene also noted that by mid-May 2022 the county process should be completed a number of safety improvements on Morningwood Dr that the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee learned about while working on the N. High St. project.. Speed Limit will be reduced to 25 MPH.

**Panhandlers at the Rte. 97/108 Intersection**

President Helene Rosenheim acknowledged that this issue has surfaced recently and that GOCA will be reviving committees on Transportation and Public Policy that may help address this issue

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM EST

Thomas Canavan, Recording Secretary