

Greater Olney Civic Association
Draft Minutes
2022-07-12 Representatives Meeting

The 2022-07-12 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:32PM 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), Executive Vice President Irina Norrell (Norbeck Meadows), 1st Vice President Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), 2nd Vice President Matt Quinn, Treasurer Jeff Duce (Norbeck Grove), Corresponding Secretary Jamie Goad (Norbeck Meadows), Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan (Hallowell)

Representatives: Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Mike Dickerson (Olney Oaks), Lee Kidd (Cherrywood), John Seng (Brooke Manor Estates)

Guests: Amy Donin (DGS), Greg Ossont (DGS), Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Eli Glazier (MNCPPC), Paul Geller (D7 Candidate), Gina Quinn, Anastasia Adams, Carise Jenkins, Beth Mallon, Jacqueline Manger (D7 Candidate), Michael Jozaitis, Adriana Zelaya, Steven Stup, Thomas Johnson (Candidate for Mont. Co. Circuit Court Judge), Matthew Bernhard, Marc Meltzer (Terracycle), Liam Quinn

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The agenda of the 2022-07-12 representatives meeting was approved as amended, correcting John Seng's name.

The minutes of the 2022-06-14 representative meeting was approved as presented.

Announcements

Draft Pedestrian Master Plan – Proposed Recommendations for comment, Eli Glazier, Transportation Planner Coordinator, MNCPPC

- Presented the “Draft, Policy, Design and Programming Recommendations” to improve quality of pedestrian experience in Montgomery County.
- This is the first county-wide master plan
- Communicated goals of the plan such as increasing walking rates, enhanced safety, equitable and just pedestrian network
- Currently finished an existing conditions report in March 2022 which included a comfort analysis, MCPS student travel tally, 2015-2020 pedestrian crash analysis, and a countywide pedestrian survey
- Recommendations include policy, design and programming, prioritizing locations for capital projects, pedestrian shortcuts, country sidepaths, and complete streets design guide area technical translation
- Today, focusing policy and design around themes of building, maintaining, protecting, expanding access, monitoring and funding.
- Full report: www.montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere

The Role of Elected Judges, Tom Johnson, Candidate for Mont. Co. Circuit Court Judge

- Mr. Johnson introduced himself and shared his viewpoint on access to legal services

Montgomery County Affordable Housing Initiative 2022, Greg Ossont, Dep Dir, Mont. Co. Dept. of General Services (DGS), Amy Donin, Planning Specialist, Off of Planning & Development, DGS

- 18 sites were identified, and one site is near ICC and Emory Lane
 - Two vacant parcels
 - 8.42 acres
 - Zone: RE-1 – low density residential
 - Former school site
 - Utilities: Available
- Majority of the 18 sites are parking related
- Received a lot of responses to the 200 and Emory Lane site
 - County Executive briefing will determine which sites to focus on
 - Next round on selected sites will include a more formal solicitation phase
 - 3-4 years before park and planning approvals Since the site will likely need to be rezoned that would extend the time for this process by a year or 2.
- Several residents noted issues relating to the site such as existing traffic issues on Emory, a lack of shopping or other similar resources near the property, existing overcrowding at Cashell ES, and noise levels from the ICC.
- Will keep us up-to-date as things progress

Reports

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Jeff Duce

- Working on getting the GOCA name out there such as during Community Night and Olney Days and are requesting approval for funding for GOCA branded
- GOCA will pay \$25 of cost and officers will pay remainder

Olney Chamber of Commerce, Terri Hogan, Exec. Dir

- Reporting for Terri who was not able to attend, Helene R. reminded everyone that National Night Out is August 2nd

Old Business - None

New Business

Beginning In-Person/Zoom Hybrid Meetings in September 2022, President Helene Rosenheim

- Cadence has offered space for our in-person meetings
- Beginning with our September 2022 meeting, the meetings will be hybrid to include participants who want to participate remotely

Approval of GOCA Committee Chairs:

- Transportation Committee, John Seng
- Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee, Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan

Motion

Accept the recommendation of Executive Committee to approve the nominations of John Seng and Thomas Canavan as chairs for the Transportation and Public Policy and Community Affairs (PPCA) Committees, respectively.

Approved unanimously

Adding a Youth Spotlight to the GOCA agenda in September 2022 - Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan

Terracycle, Marc Meltzer

- Concerned with recycling and Terracycle focuses on becoming zero waste
- Olney should become a collection hub for various recycling efforts
- Considering setting up at the Olney Farmer's Market to collect and inform residents of recycling effort
- Helene R. indicated GOCA would create an environmental subcommittee of the PPCA Committee to look into what would be involved in establishing a collection hub and other environmental issues.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM EST

Thomas Canavan, Recording Secretary