



**GREATER OLNEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
2025-05-11 Representatives DRAFT Meeting
Minutes
APPROVED:**

The 2025-05-11 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was conducted online via Zoom Web Teleconference.

President Irina Norrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm EST.

A quorum was present.. All attended virtually:

Officers

- Irina Norell, President (Norbeck Meadows)
- Curtis Chappell, First Vice President (Olney Square)
- Tina Crau (Individual)
- Matt Quinn, Second Vice President (Cherrywood)
- Kristen Quinn, Corresponding Secretary (Norbeck Meadows)
- Helene Rosenheim, Recording Secretary (Highlands of Olney)

Members

- Mindy Badin, (Olney Mill), Transp Comm Chair
- Bill Becker (Past President)
- Maria Bender (Brookeville Knolls)
- Stacy Cummings (Tanterra)
- Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks, SF)
- Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood)
- Tim Lighter (Oatland Farm)
- Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres)
- Mike Payne (Olney Oaks SF)
- Matt Post (Individual)
- Marlene Saulsbury, Forest Crossing
- Ann Strain, (Cherrywood)

- Carolyn Wright (Cherrywood)

Guests

- Talia Beaulieu-Hains, Mid-County Regional Services Center
- Alan Bowser
- Monica Caudillo
- Tara Cepaitis (Tanterra)
- MD Del Bonnie Cullison District 19
- Ramon Espin, Montgomery Co. Dept of Housing & Community Affairs
- Denine Fernandez
- Aaron Kraut, Chief of Staff, Dawn Luedtke, Montgomery County Council, District 7
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- Darlene Saulsbury, Olney Mill
- MD Del Anne Kaiser, District 14
- MD Senator Ben Kramer, District 19
- MD Del Bernice Mireku-North, District 14
- Julie Small
- Doug Walleck, Staff, Dawn Luedtke, Montgomery County Council, District 7
- MD Senator Craig Zucker, District 14

Approval of the May 11, 2025 Agenda - Agenda was approved with no additions or changes.

Approval of April 8, 2025 Minutes - The minutes of the March meeting were approved with no additions and 1 correction - clarifying that Paul Jarosinski attended the March meeting virtually.

Maryland State Legislative Wrap Up

Irina N. welcomed MD State Senator Ben Kramer & Delegate Bonnie Cullison, District 19 and State Senator Craig Zucker and Delegates Anne Kaiser & Bernice Mireku-North, District 14.

- Senator Kramer and Delegate Cullison spoke for themselves and Delegates Catherine Crutchfield and Vaughn Stewart. and they noted:

- Budget was a primary focus of this legislative session.
 - No state has been more affected by Trump with the firing of Federal employees and the elimination of funding. Will have to see how future Federal actions will affect things.
 - There was a budget deficit this year that impacted deliberations this year, causing them to focus on what best serves the most individuals in the State
 - District 19 only includes a small portion of Olney, but they happily also serve those living in District 14.
 - They are continuing to work to address speeding on the ICC and providing the benefits of the ACA through State law, insuring that telehealth treatments remain reimbursable at the same level as in-person visits, requiring that all students still get immunized, improving the State's procurement process
 - Other issues they worked on include animal abuse, union issues, Alzheimer's treatments, housing, and pharmaceuticals.
- Senator Zucker and Delegates Kaiser and Miredku-North spoke for themselves and Delegate Pam Queen and they noted:
 - Ours is a citizen legislature which means they all have other jobs, so they rely on residents to make them aware of issues and needs.
 - While Montgomery Co is the largest county in the State, it is still just a small part of the Legislature.
 - They can also contribute towards issues with county and Federal agencies.
 - They are working on the impacts of actions by the Trump Administration.
 - Some of the bills they passed related to braille flags at multiple cemeteries, IT modernization, reducing the amount of deductions for people with Federally adjusted incomes greater than \$220,000 in 2026, some changes to the Blue Print for Education delaying collaborative time with teachers, funding stream for mental health services and for "community schools."
 - The bank building at Ga Ave & Spartan Rd purchased by funding from the State has officially been turned over to the County government.
 - This was a difficult session because of the actions by the Federal government with impacts similar to what was experienced during COVID, but with none of the relief from the Federal government during COVID.
 - State budget has been impacted both by direct impacts on the State's funding plus the impact of the number of Federal employees in the State impacted by firings. The State must balance its budget, but the Federal government can just print more money.
 - They were able to bring \$123,000,000 to the County for things such as the remaining funding for the Bowie Mill Bikeway, funding for the installation or repair of 41 school playgrounds, funding to assist fired Federal employees.

Commission on Common Ownership Communities
presented by Ramon Espin, Montgomery Co. Dept of Housing & Community Affairs

- The Commission on Common Ownership Communities was established within the Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs in 1991
- There are 42 common ownership communities in the greater Olney area and there are 1,240 countywide.
- The Commission was established to help increase property values and improve the quality of life in common ownership communities.
- They have provided mandatory training to 12,000 people serving on common ownership community (aka Homeowner Association or HOA) boards
- They described what the Commission is, who is covered by it, what their role is, the requirement for training, who must receive the training which must be repeated every 2 years. (See attached presentation slides.)

Irina noted that the Commission offers 4 hour training sessions for HOA board members and we will be coordinating with the Commission to present one of their training sessions in the Olney area this summer, likely in July. We will be forwarding information to our member HOA's once plans for the training session are finalized.

Officers and Committee Report - All were tabled till the June meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10th, will be both in-person and on Zoom. The County Council District 7 member and the 4 At-Large members will report on their year.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 9:11 pm EST

Submitted by Recording Secretary Helene Rosenheim