

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
February 13, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Intoccia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests and members of the public introduced themselves.

Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes. Barbara Falcigno made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Zaborsky seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Intoccia asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the modifications to the months to say "Approval of January minutes" and "Approval of February agenda". Dave Miller made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Barbara Falcigno seconded the motion. The revised agenda was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barbara Falcigno announced that Senator Roger Manno has a scholarship available for students who live in District 19.

Falcigno also discussed that GOCA is hosting a Montgomery County Executive Debate on Monday March 5, 2018 at the Olney Theatre's Historic Stage. A meet and greet with the candidates will start at 6:30 p.m. The debate will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She asked the representatives to distribute the flyer to their HOAs. Questions can be submitted to GOCA at [www.goca.org](http://www.goca.org).

Barbara Falcigno reminded the representatives that the GOCA Awards Ceremony will be held March 18, 2018 at Good Counsel High School from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Representatives should have received an e-mail to vote. Please contact Barbara if you have not received the e-mail.

Falcigno also stated that Olney Days will be held April 27, 2018 – April 29, 2018. Changes are being made to the event this year such as merging the Fun Fair/Fireworks and Rock the Lot. There will be a Friday night movie and a tug of war contest. A community clean-up will occur after the parade. More information can be found at [www.olneycivicfund.org](http://www.olneycivicfund.org). Volunteers are needed in two hour time slots.

President Greg Intoccia stated that the form for the Athena Scholarship will be posted on GOCA's website.

**UPDATE ON PROGRAMMING BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL  
OLNEY ORGANIZATIONS OFFERED TO BENEFIT MEMBERS OF OUR  
COMMUNITY**

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President Greg Intoccia introduced Barbara Falcigno and Carolyn Knight who gave a presentation on “Things to Do in Olney”. The power-point presentation will be posted on GOCA’s website. The presentation was created in response to the comments that there is nothing to do in Olney since the movie theater closed. This presentation should be used as a starting point to get the word out better and to generate some conversation. It is not a final list – it is a starting list. If you have suggestions for activities or find a link that is not working, please let us know through our Contact Us link at [www.goca.org](http://www.goca.org). GOCA hopes this is a work in progress so that it is a useful reference for the community.

Falcigno stated that we do not have a movie theater in Olney because the big movie theater chains such as Regal and Lowes do not see Olney as profitable. There also is the issue with there not being enough parking available. These same issues also explain why we do not have a bowling alley in Olney.

The presentation highlights the following topics:

- Free/Low Cost Things to do in Local Parks
- Olney Library
- Longwood Recreation Center
- Music and Live Performances
- School based
- Religious Groups
- Commercial
- Active
- Olney Farmers and Artists Market
- Adult Service Clubs
- Annual Events
- Sandy Spring Museum
- Olney Days
- Non-Profits Need Volunteers
- Make or Host Your Own

Guest speakers from the Olney Farmers and Artists Market, Sandy Spring Museum, and Longwood Recreation Center gave more details on programming from their organizations. Barbara Falcigno also discussed programming at the Olney Library because the librarian was unable to attend this meeting.

At the end of the presentations, the floor was opened for questions. Jay Feinberg suggested that scouting should be added as another category. Ed Weisel asked that Chamber of Commerce be added to the presentation since individual members can join the Chamber.

Barbara Falcigno and Carolyn Knight ended the presentation by saying that the power-point slides could be put on a HOA’s website.

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

### **Transportation Committee Report**

Greg Intoccia stated that Emmet Tydings was unable to attend the meeting. Intoccia said that we can expect there to be notices of hearings on the Bowie Mill Bikeway in the next couple of weeks. The Montgomery County DOT is looking at options for the bikeway and is looking for federal funding assistance.

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

Greg Intoccia stated that the Montgomery County Council has been made aware of GOCA’s December resolution. He is receiving feedback from the council members. Dialog has begun. He is optimistic.

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## **Correspondence Report**

There was no Correspondence Report since Jackie Benn was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Greg Intoccia stated that the next Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board meeting is on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Nancy Navarro will be speaking at the meeting. They would like to receive an update on the Olney Town Commons Report.

## **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC)**

Lydia Rappolt stated that Howard Greif and Jim Smith walked around Chick-Fil-A and wrote up a report for the management. Lydia met with the store manager who addressed every one of OTCAC's concerns in a positive manner. The main issues are pedestrian walkways and signage. Getting in and out of the parking lot is running smoothly. The manager is very interested in being part of the community and is very open to our suggestions. Some of the items depend on county approval. Tables and chairs for outside seating are on back order. They are working on getting a smaller sign which should be 2/3 of the sign that is in place today. However, they need a permit before they can order the sign.

Rappolt said that there are no updates regarding Jiffy Lube.

Information on the Olney Town Commons Report can be found on their website at [www.olneytowncenter.wordpress.com](http://www.olneytowncenter.wordpress.com)

The next meeting of OTCAC is on March 27. Lydia Rappolt stated that they currently have two vacancies. Francisco Romero from the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board, and who also lives in Olney, is now a member of OTCAC.

## **Membership**

Bob Hambrecht said that membership dues were due on January 9<sup>th</sup>. He has received renewals for 50-60% of the HOAs. There is a list on the table of the HOAs which need to pay by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remind your HOA President to pay the dues.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President Greg Intoccia stated that since this is his last meeting as President for over two years, he wanted to take this opportunity to discuss highlights of accomplishments and ongoing matters during that period of time. He said that he appreciated the tremendous efforts of the GOCA Representatives over the past two years. Some of the highlights mentioned were:

- In 2016, we won County Council support for funding studies of plan for
  - an Olney Civic Center & Town Commons (Civic Center),
  - a potential Bowie Mill bikeway, and
  - Funds to be used for constructing a road connection between Morningwood Dr. and North High Street.
- Hosted debates – between our 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District candidates, among County Board of Education candidates, and on a ballot initiative on term limits for our County elected officials.
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- Hosted a meeting bringing property managers, landscaping and legal experts together to provide advice on key things homeowner associations should know.
- Amended our bylaws so that GOCA can represent an even greater percentage of persons in our community.
- In 2017 when the Maryland Transit Authority decided to stop regular bus shuttle service between Olney and the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, GOCA lobbied for a reversal of that decision. GOCA's voice was heard and the decision was changed, ensuring continued frequent, low cost, reliable, and convenient service to the airport for Olney area residents.
- Successfully lobbied to move up funding for a study of the Bowie Mill Bikeway so as to leverage the completion of an adjacent bikeway project along Needwood Road.
- Together with the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, we successfully got specific conditions placed on commercial development of land in our town center area, in keeping with the town center plan.
  - Weighed in before Planning Board on Jiffy Lube facility and
  - Chick-fil-A facility
- Weighed in on design of the Jiffy Lube facility and negotiated signage issues with Chick-fil-A
- Successfully argued before the County Council for a property tax credit for the elderly.
- Prevailed so far to keep open the south gate of the Olney Manor Recreation Park despite repeated attempts by park officials to close it.
- Successfully kept alive priority plans for improvements to the Georgia Avenue-Norbeck Road interchange despite efforts by certain County officials to relegate it to a far lower priority.
- Regularly hosted County officials, including County Executive Ike Leggett and representatives from the County's Department of Transportation, Economic Development Corporation, and Work Source Montgomery.
- Made arrangements for OLNEY lettering on water tower.
- Passed a resolution to advocate for changes before the County that would give the Olney community an even greater voice in development within our town center area.

Both years:

- At our annual GOCA Awards Ceremonies, we celebrated several local residents for their outstanding contributions to the community.
- We hosted open forum discussions with our District 14 and 19 delegations at the close of the state legislative session.

Ongoing efforts:

- Arrangements made for hosting a candidates' debate/forum for those individuals seeking the Office of the County Executive in the general election in November 2018.
- Continue to work with the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee as it strives to make the

- Continue to work with the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee as it strives to make the concept of a Civic Center a reality.
- Public Policy & Community Affairs Committee will continue to monitor developments in government at the state and local levels to ensure that your interests are front and center.
- Transportation Committee will continue to focus on important traffic issues in Olney and the surrounding area.

Matt Zaborsky thanked Greg Intoccia for his service on behalf of GOCA. Greg responded that it has been an honor to be President. The Olney community means a lot to him. He is very impressed with the volunteer work. He concluded by saying that GOCA has a great reputation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2018 TERM**

President: William (Billy) Becker, Ashley Hollow HOA

Executive VP: Matthew (Matt) Quinn, Cherrywood HOA

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Dave Miller, Norbeck Meadows Citizens Association

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Stacy Levine, The Reserve at Fairhill HOA

Recording Secretary: Carol Frenkel, Olney Mill Citizens Association

Corresponding Secretary: Katie Harris, Norbeck Meadows Citizens Association

Treasurer, Robert (Bob) Hambrecht, Williamsburg Village Citizens Association

Barbara Falcigno made a motion to elect the officers by acclamation. Matt Zaborsky seconded the motion. The officers were elected unanimously.

## **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; Carolyn Knight, Executive Vice President – Olney Oaks, David Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Stacy Levine, Recording Secretary - The Reserve at Fair Hill; Bob Hambrecht, Treasurer – Williamsburg Village, Barbara Falcigno, Immediate Past President – Olney Oaks

### **GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

Kathleen Salanik (Brookeville Knolls), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Matt Quinn (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Carol Frenkel (Olney Mill), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Hilary Phillips Rogers (Victoria Springs), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village).

**Invited Guests**

Janet Terry, President, Olney Farmers Market

Alison Weiss, Executive Director, Sandy Spring Museum

Cristen Steele, Recreation Coordinator, Longwood Recreation Center

Katie Dowdy, Longwood Recreation Center Director

**Public**

Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Katie Harris (Norbeck Meadows), Joe Fritsch, Chris Burt (Delegate Queen's Office), Alexis Reed (Chief of Staff, Councilmember Navarro's Office)