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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Becker called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

He asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes and the September 13, 2018 agenda. The motion to approve was made by Jackie Benn and seconded. The minutes and the agenda were approved by acclamation.

GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests, and members of the public introduced themselves.

OLNEY TOWN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Lydia Rappolt reported.

- There are pictures available of the proposed design for McDonalds and the Sunoco Car Wash.
- The Planning Board approved the permit for Jiffy Lube on September 6.
- Giant property inquiries are being made. At this point we only have rumors. The main concern is the status of the police substation. OTCAC will watch this very closely. Lydia Rappolt also reminded us that we have no ability to determine what business should occupy the space since Giant owns the property.
- CVS has requested a sign variance. The drawings that were presented were inaccurate. It appears that the only changes are increasing the size of the CVS letters and adding a heart.
- The next OTCAC meeting will be September 25 at 7:30 in the Community Room in the Buffington Building. All are encouraged to attend to get more details about items above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Sandy Spring Fire Department will have its annual Open House on Sunday, October 7,

- 2018 at the Sandy Spring location.
- Community Night will be on October 8, 2018 from 4:30-8:00 PM at Good Counsel High School.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Danny Rubenstein reported. He is the chair of the Bikeways and Pedestrian Safety Committee. The Bowie Mill Bikeway 3.2 mile fully separated path will go from Route 108 to Muncaster Mill Road. A GOCA 2015 Resolution supported the bikeway. This in turn helped get the funding for facility design. The preliminary design has been done. The trail will generally be eight feet wide along the Bowie Mill Road segment. There are still some decisions to be made regarding the actual path location in several areas (Muncaster Mill Road to Bready Road; Bready Road to Route 108; and the lower end near the Casey House).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- National Night Out was well attended and well done. In the future we need visuals of proposed projects in the area. We also need fuller staffing by GOCA members.
- Olney Community Night will be Monday, October 8 from 4:30-8:00 at Good Counsel High School. We need as many GOCA members as possible to staff our table.
- We need to think about Awards and Nominations for the 2018 GOCA Awards which will be on Sunday, March 10 at Good Counsel High School from 2:00-4:00 PM. We are the eyes and ears of our community. There are a variety of categories. Think of people who made contributions to the community and send your nominations to the GOCA President telling who you are nominating and why. Only GOCA Representatives vote, so it's very important to participate in the voting as well. Jackie Benn suggested having a Nominations Committee. She is willing to help, her schedule permitting.
- A 350 foot Communications Tower is slated to be located at the Georgia Avenue and ICC cloverleaf. A letter was sent to our State Senators. The decision was cancelled and the public hearing that was planned was postponed. No new date for the hearing has been announced. We have been told that they are identifying alternative locations, though there is no definitive answer. Billy Becker sent two letters via GOCA to Darien Manley. They spoke on the phone this morning (9/13). Due to an office move, the letters were not received until today. The tower will be a general communications tower with various pieces of equipment attached which will include emergency communications. The users generate revenue. Some questions that we might ask: Why the tower? What were the criteria for the site selection? What other sites were considered? Mr. Manley will come to a future GOCA meeting.
- There is a possibility that the WSSC Maintenance Yard will be moved to the Olney Golf Park location. It is currently located in Laytonsville. When the Purple Line is built, there is a plan to build high density housing where it is currently located necessitating a move.

- Property just west of Solana on Route 108 is for sale. It is zoned residential, but is being sold as a special exception use.
- Olney Sandy Spring Vet Hospital held an information session about their proposed property modification. In order to expand their staff, they must increase their parking capacity. The property is next to an undeveloped woodland parcel at Norwood and Route 108. Parking for staff would be at the back of this property. The woods along 108 would remain intact.
- There is a proposed Nextel Radio Tower behind the Brookeville Brew Farm. The Board of Appeals hearing will be October 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM.
- Matt Quinn is planning a Candidates' Forum for County Executive and County Council At Large races. It will be on October 15, at 6:00 PM at the Brookeville Beer Farm.

Matt Zaborsky made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Respectfully submitted
 Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Billy Becker, President – Ashley Hollow; Dave Miller, 1st Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Stacy Levine, 2nd Vice President – Reserve at Fair Hill; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Bob Hambrecht, Treasurer – Williamsburg Village

Immediate Past President

Greg Intoccia – Ashley Hollow

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Jackie Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Howard Grief (Lake Hallowell), Edward Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery)

Public

Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News)