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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Becker called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

The January 8, 2019 Minutes and the February 12, 2019 Agenda were approved by acclamation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alden English announced that Olney Help is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. It offers food, both non-perishable and fresh, to residents in need. It can also offer monetary assistance of up to \$400. Additional needs are addressed by making referrals to other agencies.

The Women's Board at MEDSTAR Montgomery is offering \$500-\$4,000 scholarships for students in the medical field.

REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY RADIO TOWER

- a balloon test was performed on January 26, 2019
- photos were taken
- another site has been proposed by a homeowner's association
- there has been a consistent lack of community involvement
- notifications were not timely or simply didn't exist
- it's unclear whether it's a done deal or not
- it's vital that people come to the informational meetings to express concerns
- question: have any environmental studies been done? (answer: probably not)
- on February 19, there will be a conference call with legislators regarding a written assessment
- **there will be a Community Meeting about the tower on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Cashell Elementary in the All Purpose Room; 17101 Cashell Road; Rockville MD**

REPORT ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE BOUNDARY ASSESSMENT

- Greg Intoccia reported on the boundary assessment study
- school enrollment up
- there have been population shifts
- goal to present findings to school board by spring of next year
- much to be determined
- commitment to transparency
- should GOCA weigh in or not?
- we must inform ourselves

REPORT ON COMMUNITY FORUM FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs)

- Dave Miller reported on the community forum held on Saturday, January 19, 2019
- Hans Reimer and several officials presented
- there was a large attendance
- affordable housing is an issue
- encouraging adult children and grandparents
- provide some income for the owner
- must have a separate entrance with a separate bathroom and kitchen
- ZTA zoning text amendment required
- talking about removing size limits, minimum distance for ADUs, changing number of parking spaces
- county is pushing for more of these
- house must be owner occupied
- maximum of 2 adults, no limit on children
- HOAs may add restrictions
- only one ADU per property
- must provide two additional parking spaces
- no short term rentals
- Habitat for Humanity is involved
- can submit written comments
- in the past GOCA opposed ADUs as a right rather than an exception
- not all questions were answered at the forum
- county regulations would override the HOA
- restrictions must be in the declaration filed in county records (covenants)
- GOCA will draft a resolution and vote on it at the next meeting

- **there will be a public hearing on February 26, 2019**
- **contact Hans Reimer at (240) 777-7964 for information**

UPDATE ON WEBSITE

- small group from the board have assessed the bids
- budgeted \$2,000
- like the bid that's \$2,500; will try to negotiate the price

CULVERT REPORT

- Dave Miller reported
- an email has been sent to the Chief of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- in preparation for a report, he is asking for a primary reference citation, preferably from the County Code that governs the culvert ownership

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

- will meet before the USSC on March 26, 2019

MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY IN OLNEY

- cannabis store hopes to open in April

AWARD NOMINATIONS AND CEREMONY

- Matt Quinn reported
- the ceremony will be held on Sunday March 10, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS FOR MARCH 2019-FEBRUARY 2020

The slate of Officers for the Executive Board of GOCA is as follows:

Matt Quinn – President
 David Miller – Executive Vice President
 John Blachere – 1st Vice President
 Vacant – 2nd Vice President
 Bob Hambrecht – Treasurer
 Carol Frenkel – Recording Secretary
 Ryan Martin – Corresponding Secretary

For the vacant position as 2nd Vice President, Hillary Phillips-Rogers nominated herself from the floor.

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers for the term from March 2019 to March 2020. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

Billy Becker thanked everyone for their commitment to the community. He very much enjoyed serving as President this past year and advocating for our community.

Billy Becker made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Officers will be on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Re/Max Community Room in the Buffington Building.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Billy Becker, President – Ashley Hollow; Matt Quinn, Executive Vice President – Cherrywood; David Miller, 1st Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Greg Intoccia, Past President -- Ashley Hollow

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

John Blachere (Ashley Hollow), Danny Benn (Fair Hill Farm), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hollowell), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase Townhouse), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Sherry Felice (Olney Mill), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill), Alden English (SEROCA), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra), Hilary Phillips-Rogers (Victoria Springs), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Francesco Paganini (Individual At-Large)

Public

Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Barbara Falcigno, Ira Ungar, Bonnie Cullison (Md. Delegate 19th District)