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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Matt made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 Minutes with corrections. Under the Report on Community Forum for Accessory Dwelling Units, two line items were deleted as they were incorrect. They were: “must provide two additional parking spaces” and “county regulations would override the HOA.” The motion was seconded and approved.

The March 12, 2019 Agenda was approved by acclamation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Hogan is applying for a bulk mailing permit for the Great Olney News. She needs as many signatures as she can get.

The Giant is opening at its new location on April 12, 2019.

REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY RADIO TOWER MEETING

- there was 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
- the room was full; about 300 people
- news media was present
- Police Officers lined the room
- emotions were high about the lack of transparency and community involvement
- it was difficult to get answers from the officials
- it appeared that the officials thought they could bully the crowd
- there were some very astute comments and questions; spirited, but many well thought out
- Dale Tippetts from the County Executive’s Office was present and stated that they want to work to find alternatives to the location of the tower; budget is not an issue
- a core group of people met last week to address three areas: 1) technical; 2) health issues; 3) communications team

- plan to set up a meeting with Deiter Klinger (2nd in command, Chief Operating Officer) week after next
- First Responders must be able to take care of our needs
- Police Officers were not there to bully, but to see that a large meeting runs well; also public safety officials were there to speak about the system, but the environment in the room didn't allow for that
- could have a technical team/officials to speak about how things work in layman's language
- there are still lingering concerns about the lack of notice and lack of transparency

OTHER LOCAL TOWERS

- Matt Quinn spoke with Shane Hickey about another tower to be installed near the Brookeville Bypass
- yet another tower already exists behind the Brookeville Beer Farm; it is out of compliance and although it has been reported, no action has been taken
- Carol Frenkel made a motion to support the HOA of Brookeville Farms in their endeavors to bring this tower into compliance
- there will be a meeting Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Greenwood Elementary
- the motion was seconded and approved
- GOCA needs an ad hoc committee on the general issues of towers; if interested, let an officer know

REPORT ON COMMUNITY FORUM FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs)

- a resolution was circulated on the proposed zoning text amendment
- stated that GOCA reaffirms its earlier position regarding ADAs taken on January 5, 2012 and opposes changes to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code, known as Zoning Text Amendment No.: 19-01
- Billy Becker made a motion to present the resolution; it was seconded and there was discussion
- the County Executive is not in favor of this
- Hans Reimer is promoting this as a solution to affordable housing
- currently enforcement is practically non-existent
- the motion carried unanimously

CULVERTS

- Dave Miller reported
- Kramer, Cullison, and Zucker are supportive of our efforts to get the county to claim responsibility
- they have offered to intervene

- he has asked for documentation of the county regulations, but has not received a response
- next step, Dave Miller will send a note

UPDATE ON WEBSITE

- we are under contract with a local vendor
- two mock designs have been submitted
- will be live in a month or two
- negotiated to \$2,000 (down from \$2,500)

OLNEY TOWN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- no April meeting
- next meeting in May
- asking for a status update on Jiffy Lube and Chick Fil A (sign)
- group reaching out to owners of Giant property
- Olney Days April 26, 27, 28
- still need volunteers; judges for parade needed on Sunday from 1:45-3:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION

- Ashley Hollow reported traffic problems
- Prince Phillip traffic issues
- parking spillover from Brew Belly; Bank of America made a deal to allow parking in their lot after 5:00 PM

NOTES FROM AWARD NOMINATIONS AND CEREMONY

- Matt Quinn asked Matt Zaborsky to send a thank you note to Barbara Falcigno for all her hard work with the reception
- ceremony was well attended

CALENDAR

- need to adjust for Jewish Holiday October 8, 2019
- Chamber of Commerce—Community Night, October 14, 2019

NEW BUSINESS

- there are three new At Large Council members--would like to invite them to a meeting, maybe in July
- Matt met with the Mayor of Laytonsville/Town Hall and talked about the Laytonsville Bypass; they would like our support

Matt Zaborsky made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Board Meeting (Officers) will be on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 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

Matt Quinn, President – Cherrywood; Dave Miller, Executive Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; John Blachere, 1st Vice President – Ashley Hollow; Hilary Rogers Phillips, 2nd VP – Victoria Springs, Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary – Brookeville Knolls

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diane Littlefield (Olney Acres), Lori Nelson (Olney Oaks), Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill), Alden English (SEROCA), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village)

Public

Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Steve Smet (NMCA), Art Brodsky, Eugene Filocco (Cherrywood), Robert Goss, Kathleen Wheeler (Spring Lawn Farm, Ashton), Greg Intoccia, Tim Stemanu, Daniel Koroma (Bethel Church)