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**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
April 9, 2019

## CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Carol Frenkel made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

A motion was made by Matt Zaborsky to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2019 with two corrections. On page one, under REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY RADIO TOWER MEETING, second bullet from the bottom, the corrected spelling of the name is Dale **Tibbets**. On page two, under REPORT ON COMMUNITY FORUM FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs), the fourth bullet point should read “the County Executive is not in favor of **ZTA 19-01**.” The motion was seconded and approved.

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

## LAYTONSVILLE BYPASS

- Jim Ruspi, Mayor of Laytonsville spoke to the group
- since he became mayor a couple of years ago, he has been reaching out to County and State officials
- Laytonsville is incorporated
- the community has felt a need for a bypass for many years
- 15,000-17,000 cars each day pass through Laytonsville during rush hour
- there has been a comprehensive plan with the state for many years that included the bypass
- for some unknown reason, in 2014, the bypass was taken out of the plan
- there is currently a traffic “egg” (similar to a circle) that was intended to be the origin of the bypass
- Mayor Ruspi has been trying to get the bypass back into the plan since 2016
- he is looking for support from GOCA
- GOCA Officers will create a Resolution after discussion and this item will be on the Agenda for next month

## TOWER UPDATE

- Hilary Phillips-Rogers reported on developments on the Emergency Tower

- a letter was sent to Marc Elrich on March 11, 2019
- Dale Tibbets from the County Executive's Office will review alternate locations for the tower on March 27, 2019
- April 1, 2019, GOCA Officers reviewed next steps which included visits to some alternative sites
- April 2, 2019 GOCA Officers were invited to the Brooke Manor HOA meeting
- Jeff Weiler reported that he feels chances are improving that an alternative site may be determined
- there was a meeting with Dale Tibbets and State and County officials
- one site that was visited, that has some promise is Site 7 at the stormwater pond east of the Route 97/200 interchange; the land is near a conservation area, but not within it
- A Resolution was proposed to write a letter to Marc Elrich asking for additional budget toward infrastructure at alternative sites to cover all needs related to connectivity and accessibility. The motion was made by Anthony Watkins; it was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **CULVERTS**

- Dave Miller reported that he continues to hit roadblocks in the determination of who legally owns the culverts
- there are differences between County policy and County zoning laws
- Billy Becker and Greg Intoccia are working to find some possible legal angles to attack the problem

## **UPDATE ON WEBSITE**

- Ryan Martin reported
- the improved site is almost ready to go live
- we need photos of Olney; if you have any that you are willing to give GOCA permission to post, email them to the GOCA President Drop Box

## **OLNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

- John Hulsizer, President of the Olney Chamber of Commerce, introduced Ken Bradford, from the Olney Boys and Girls Club, as the liaison to GOCA for the Chamber
- the Chamber wants to establish and maintain relationships as well as improve communication with the County
- we were reminded of the Chamber's campaign to shop and dine local; it helps local businesses and strengthens our sense of community

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Kathleen Donodeo has agreed to be the Chair of the Transportation Committee
- she will not be able to attend all meetings, but will work on issues and report on them as needed

## **PUBLIC POLICY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PPCA)**

- Richard Melnick will lead this committee

## **OUTREACH**

- Carol Frenkel and Hilary Phillips-Rogers will reach out to the Northeast Montgomery Ministerium to get a sense of needs in the community

## **CALENDAR**

- Olney Days will be April 26-28, 2019

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- the issue of Veterinary practice in Sandy Spring that wants to expand its parking lot for staff was raised
- the Sandy Spring Civic Association approved of the expansion with the condition that a natural trail be created parallel to Route 108
- the Bancroft community many not be in agreement, though no representative from Bancroft was present at this GOCA meeting to confirm their position
- there will be a Hearing on April 24, 2019
- GOCA is maintaining a neutral position since we do not have enough information to take a position

Matt Zaborsky made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 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; Hilary Phillips-Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Victoria Springs, Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary – Brookeville Knolls; Billy Becker, Immediate Past President – Ashley Hollow

**GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

Anthony Watkins (Brooke Manor), Shane Hickey (Brookeville Farms), Lee Kidd (Cherrywood), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Howard Greif (Lake Hallowell), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase), Matthew Bernhard (Norbeck Grove), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Lori Nelson (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill)

**Public**

Carol Sullivan (Cherrywood), Ken Bradford (OBGC), Barbara Roy (Brookeville), Gene Filocco (Cherrywood), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Greg Intoccia (Ashley Hollow)