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Representatives Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

Carol Frenkel noted that the date on the Agenda needed to be corrected to reflect the proper date, Tuesday 14 May 2019. Alden English made a motion to approve the Agenda with the correction. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2019. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

MARYLAND DISTRICT 14 AND 19 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

State Senators, Ben Kramer (District 19) and Craig Zucker (District 14) were joined by Delegates from Districts 14 and 19, including: Bonnie Cullison (District 19), Vaughn Stewart (District 19), and Eric Luedtke (District 14). They highlighted bills that passed supporting the priorities set in January 2019. They included support for public schools that meet the needs of all students, taking care of our environment, providing health care for more residents, public safety, and a fiscally responsible budget. It was a session that ended on a sad note with the passing of Speaker Mike Busch, but with the consolation that many of his priorities and initiatives were accomplished.

Senator Craig Zucker (District 14) highlighted:

- \$3.1 million was approved for local initiatives
- \$255 million to bring Maryland's schools back to a high level of national and international achievement for ALL students
- additional money for school construction
- Ready to Read program
- Renewable energy standard increased to 50% by 2030
- Business regulation banning the sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to anyone under the age of 21 (raised from age 18)

Delegate Eric Luedtke (District 14) highlighted:

- Ethics bill to reform the Maryland medical system
- Clean Energy Jobs Act passed
- Committee on innovation formed to look at funding formulas and educational policy including a salary matching fund for teachers and issues related to poverty

State Senator Ben Kramer (District 19) highlighted:

- the team effort of Districts 14 and 19 to move the location of the emergency communications tower
- the Finance Committee addressed business regulations on banking and consumer protection
- environmental crises including: Crisfield, Md. which now has regular flooding, the Eastern Shore, and Baltimore which needs to reduce its carbon footprint; there has been a lot of cooperation between mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states on issues related to the environment
- vaping is a huge concern with Middle School students
- moving the age to 21 to purchase any tobacco product
- there has been a record number of hate crimes in the state
- drunk driving and use of ignition interlocks (lock out at .02% alcohol) includes photo capture
- long term care insurance premiums are skyrocketing
- improving transparency in government
- taxing of community owned property as a business; emergency bill introduced to clearly define the terms

Delegate Bonnie Cullison (District 19) highlighted:

- Health and Government Operations Committee looking at cost of healthcare
- reinsurance program recalculates costs; insurance premiums went down
- Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program is a simple system for enrolling uninsured Marylanders into free or low cost health insurance coverage by adding a checkbox on state income tax returns
- Prescription affordability board seeks to address increasing costs of prescription drugs; Governor hasn't signed it yet

Delegate Vaughn Stewart (District 19) highlighted:

- serves on the Environment and Transportation Committee
- working on getting the air, water, and Bay as clean and healthy as possible
- Maryland serves as a model
- banned Styrofoam
- oyster population at an all-time low
- chicken poop used as fertilizer from large companies a problem; phosphorus runs off into the Bay when it rains
- working to determine where and how much is being used; cracking down on enforcement
- pedestrian safety bill passed; we are at the center of a problem
- pedestrian safety fund structures improvements; includes education about safety and fine increases

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cashell Elementary is having a fundraiser on May 23, 2019 at the Olney Winery
- Olney Oaks neighborhood is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 18, 2019

HISTORY OF INCORPORATION – HELENE ROSENHEIM

- seven local areas were incorporated between 1808 and 1904

- approval is required by the State legislature
- can't control zoning; would have to be annexed to an existing incorporated region
- adds a tax
- may not help our situation which centers around having some say on zoning issues

WEBSITE UPDATE

- website is now up and running
- thanks to Ryan Martin and Bob Hambrecht for their work and coordination with the contractor

OTCAC

- next meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 in the Community Room of the Buffington Building
- Department of Permitting Services will be at the meeting

Carolyn Knight made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Board Meeting (Officers) will be on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, 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; John Blachere, 1st Vice President (Ashley Hollow); Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Jay Fineberg (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Alden English (SEROCA), Joe Corbett (Williamsburg Village)

Public

Danny Benn (OTC), Tim Stemann (Williamsburg Village), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Francesco Paganini, Richard McBride, Ira Clegar (Bonnie Cullison Community Liaison)