

DRAFT
Representatives Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

John Blachere made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

Dave Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2019. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

GREG INTOCCIA

Former GOCA President, Greg Intoccia, passed away suddenly on May 25, 2019. Greg was devoted to service with GOCA and the community, in addition to his many accomplishments in life. We were shocked and saddened by his passing. The floor of the meeting was opened for people to share remembrances. Numerous people shared, including Billy Becker, most recent GOCA Past President, who was a colleague and a friend. He shared the following prepared statement.

MY THOUGHTS ON GREG INTOCCIA

Billy Becker
11 June 2019

I. Twenty-five years ago, this September, our neighborhood, Ashley Hollow, was “rolled-out” by Ryan Builders. Forty-four of us, all became friends and neighbors at the same time. Greg’s home is 3-up from the corner where my home is located. We all began to know one another. There was one neighbor’s Christmas party to which Santa Claus did make an appearance. There was always the back to school ice cream social. Not to be forgotten was the annual St. Patrick’s Party. And on one evening there was the Air Force at Navy basketball game.

II. From the beginning, Greg was involved with our HOA. Then it was on to the Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc.

III. About 2 years ago, Greg asked if I could assist. The admission interview was conducted at the offices of GOCA – the Starbucks Café at Harris-Teeter. At the interview I was introduced to Matt

Zaborsky and thereafter the members of this Association. May I say that my life in the community was forever changed...for the better.

IV. Greg *worked* to make our community a better place for all of us. This was due to his background being from Pennsylvania, where there is the borough and township form of local governance. Greg had a Trinitarian approach to the business of GOCA. That term is intentionally used for Greg was a man of admirable faith. With his legal and military background, he had an appreciation for the legal and procedural component involved with any issue. With Greg's political science and philosophy background he was sensitive to the overall public policy concerns that any issue may present. The old Irish adage seems to fit: you want to tell someone to go to hell in a way they want to go there. Finally, there was Greg's effort to gather participation from all of us when approaching the affairs and concerns of GOCA. For Greg, GOCA was not a partisan deliberative body. Rather, it was an assembly of volunteers similarly dedicated, like Greg, to make our community simply better. For Greg, there was no monopoly on good ideas. For Greg, there was no exclusive way to get the project accomplished. Rather, for Greg it was this: let us get it done as best as we can for the most of us concerned. As a good neighbor and as an effective Past President, we will miss Greg Intoccia.

As an additional way to honor Greg Intoccia, the GOCA Officers had the idea of creating a Greg Intoccia Internship Program that would be awarded at the Annual GOCA Awards. It could include a \$500 check that would be sent to the school the student attends to be used for books, etc. It would be a three month program from June through August starting the summer of 2020. The idea would be to have the student become involved in the local political process.

Dave Miller made a motion to approve the general plan. It was seconded and followed by discussion:

- Can we legally do this since GOCA is a 401C? **Yes, it's OK if we use \$500 from our normal budget and make it a scholarship.**
- Should we have a conversation with the Olney Civic Fund? **We don't want to solicit funds from other organizations.**
- Will flesh out the details.
- Hilary Rogers-Phillips will serve to spearhead the project.
- One person pointed out the importance of the annual GOCA social event for Officers and Representatives and did not want to see those funds used for the scholarship.

The motion carried with one vote against the proposal. All other votes were in favor of the proposal.

LAYTONSVILLE BYPASS

- map shown
- bypass would start at new traffic circle
- someone suggested we could use a bypass process meeting with more information before we support the proposal
- the point was made that mutual community support is good; we may need the help of other communities at times.
- the motion was made to have GOCA write a letter in support of the Laytonsville Bypass; the

motion carried with three opposing votes and all other votes approving

TOWER UPDATE

- County Executive approved the change of location
- pressure being put on County Executive to change his mind and return to original planned location
- there is a lot of misinformation being spread
- we are working to see about approval of alternate site
- process next steps—verifying which state agency owns the property (site 7) and verifying that there are no other restrictions on the property
- Motorola is redesigning the coverage from 22 to 20 towers for now (omitting Olney and Potomac towers from the plan) so that work may go forward
- Olney would have coverage even before a tower is built in Olney because of overlapping coverage from other towers

CULVERTS

- Dave Miller has prepared an executive summary for County Executive to pass on to a County Attorney

WEBSITE UPDATE

- Ryan Martin shared some statistics that are now a part of the redesign of the website
- there have been roughly 1500 page view per month
- site is even being viewed in other countries

OTCAC

- Richard Weaver and Mark Beal from the Department of Planning Services came to the May OTCAC meeting
- they had some possible solutions that would allow us to be involved in the process when new businesses come to Olney
- we would need to get design guidelines officially approved for the Olney Town Center
- we could establish an overlay zone for the town center
- we would have better oversight of any reconstruction; they would need to meet our guidelines
- we would need a champion on the County Council
- the next OTCAC meeting will be in September

OLNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- no updates
- awards dinner tomorrow (June 12, 2019); Marc Elrich will be there

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Kathleen Donodeo reported
- she is looking for support members for her committee

- the condition of secondary roads in Olney is an issue; what is the process? MCDOT has not been very responsive
- Ryan Martin will create a poll and send it out to HOAs to get a better handle on the problem

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Carol Frenkel reported
- Carol and Hilary Rogers-Phillips attended a meeting on May 14, 2019 with Rabbi Jonah Layman and the Interfaith Clergy Group at Shaare Tefila
- representatives from Olney Help were also present to talk about services it provides to the community
- the Interfaith Clergy Group has become a religious study group rather than one that focuses on social services
- we talked about ways different organizations can assist one another
- Carol and Hilary may reach out to some large religious organizations in the Olney area to see if there are ways we can support one another in the community
- GOCA sent a letter of recognition to Father Thomas Kalita of Saint Peter's Parish for leadership he has provided the Greater Olney Community; he recently celebrated 45 years as a priest

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Annual Picnic and Bazaar at MedStar Montgomery will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019
- National Night out will be on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Fair Hill Shopping Center

NEW BUSINESS

- deer culling was discussed
- we need to have a presentation identifying the options

Matt Zaborsky made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Officers will be on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next Representatives Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 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; David Miller, Executive Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; John Blachere, 1st Vice President -- Ashley Hollow; Hilary Rogers-Phillips, 2nd Vice President --

Victoria Springs; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary -- Brookeville Knolls; Billy Becker, Past President – Ashley Hollow

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Anthony Watkins (Brooke Manor), David Kerr (Brookeville Knolls), Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Kathleen Donodeo (Hallowell), Howard Greif (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Matt Zaborsky (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Jay Fineberg (Olney Oaks), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Stacy Levine (Reserve at Fair Hill); Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill), Alden English (SEROCA)

Public

Gene Ficoceo (Cherrywood), Louise Coppinger (Norbeck Meadows), Dave Rada (Brooke Manor Estates), Gary Fennel (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Keith Robinson (Brookeville Knolls), Ira Ungar (for Delegate Bonnie Cullison),