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**Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
October 15, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

The agenda for October 15, 2019 needed to have a Committee Report for OTCAC added. David Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. The motion was seconded and approved.

David Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2019. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a makeup meeting on December 5, 2019 to fulfill the required number of meetings. Evan Glass will make a presentation.

**JOHN McCARTHY, STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

- Billy Becker invited Mr. McCarthy to the meeting to discuss what appears in a WTOP report to be a large increase in rapes in the past four years
- first he pointed out that crime in Montgomery is down 29% and is down in all districts
- the face of Montgomery County has changed—poverty is higher, population is older, diversity has increased
- there are several reasons that it appears that the number of rapes has increased: 1) the definition of rape has changed to include any sexual act, not just traditional intercourse; 2) there is more reporting; 3) police used to close out cases as unfounded and are now reexamining these cases; 4) have more police resources
- he stressed that the **increase of diversity IS NOT** a factor; in fact, **immigrants have a lower rate of crime** and are more often the victims of crime
- he addressed other topics including the fact that we have a national epidemic of suicide
- now have a mental health court
- many criminals would be better served in a mental health facility; the State is working to provide medication (and working to keep them on medication), stable housing, and jobs
- there was an increased level of gang violence from 2016-2017 (24 incidents); in 2018 there were **NO** incidents reported

- homicides in 2018 were at 8 incidents; domestic violence is a main contributor

## **MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNE KAISER & ERIC LUEDTKE**

### **ANNE KAISER**

- Anne Kaiser reminded everyone that we could reach out to them at any time
- she has served 17 years on the Ways & Means Committee and is the current chair
- the committee includes: Revenue; Finance Revenue (Gambling); Education; Elections

#### EDUCATION:

- her priorities for the new session are focused on Education, in particular dealing with the Kirwan Commission Report and how to make our education system a world class system
- need to focus on career and college readiness
- more career technology training
- better early childhood education
- better accountability
- more school construction

#### TAXES:

- we hate to pay, but want quality services
- need to make sure that tax credits are properly monitored, evaluated & modified as necessary
- possibility of legalizing marijuana in Maryland and taxing it

#### GAMING:

- sports gaming may be made legal and would be taxed
- Pimlico is degrading, but there is an agreement to save it & have racing at Laurel

#### ELECTIONS:

- extremely important
- make it easier, but a safe system

### **ERIC LUEDTKE**

- lives in Ashton
- serves as the House Majority Leader
- responsible for constituent services
- Education will be the focus of the next session
- HB 1 \$2.2 Billion for school construction (\$400 million for Montgomery County)
- HB 2 Kirwan Commission monetary details--have already appropriated enough money for first two years of the plan; will NOT see huge increases in taxes to fund
- efforts to improve student voter empowerment; push for more on-campus polling places
- working on preserving the agricultural reserve in Maryland
- deer overpopulation is a huge problem for farmers as there are no natural predators; hunting is declining & farmers can't hunt with rifles on their own land
- Patuxent River State Park highlighted: it's located on Rt. 97 at the Howard County Line; state

hasn't really supported; trying to publicize better; hope to develop facilities including a trail network and nature center; seeking money to restore the Howard Gaither Property within the park

- gambling; will have an online app.

## **NINE DISTRICTS FOR MOCO**

- Mark Lautman (Treasurer of Nine Districts for MoCo) and Kim Persaud spoke about the non-partisan effort to place a referendum on the 2020 ballot for changing the representation on the County Council from 9 members comprised of 5 District & 4 At-Large Representatives to 9 District Representatives (eliminating At-Large Representatives)
- Representatives for each District would need to live in their district
- many in the County do not have a Representative and really have no say, including Olney
- they need to get 10,000 clean signatures by August of this year
- asked for support in spreading the word and getting volunteers; also need donations
- asked if GOCA would consider giving this group an endorsement
- next step would be for GOCA Officers to draft a resolution to be voted on at another meeting

## **ADUs**

- Howard Greif and Conrad Hocking have been doing research about how associations can change covenants
- covenants need to cover ADUs
- someone will come to answer questions about this next month

## **OTCAC REPORT**

- hefty agenda for meeting next week including:
- development of property at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- N. High Street study
- Overlay zone
- slight amendment to the Master Plan to give Olney more say what businesses do when developing or redeveloping

## **ANNOUNCEMENT BY HELENE ROSENHEIM**

- Olney Oktoberfest will be Sunday, October 20 from 2:00-7:00 PM at Good Counsel High School
- need High School and adult volunteers

Conrad Hocking made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Officers will be on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next Representatives Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12 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; Hilary Phillips-Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Lydia Rappolt (Camelback Village), Lee Kidd (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Howard Greif (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase Townhomes), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Jay Fineberg (Olney Oaks), Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill)

**Public**

Ben Bookwalter & Maria Kight (Boy Scout Troop 264), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Mark Lautman (9 Districts for MoCo), Carl Gottlieb (9 Districts for MoCo), Ann Hingston (9 Districts for MoCo), George Simms III (Olney Mill)