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**Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
February 11, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Blachere called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Alden English made a motion to accept the Agenda for the February 11, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

An amendment was made to Minutes for the January 14, 2020 meeting. On page 2, under “How to pay for these educational goals,” second bullet point, it should read “no big increase in property or sales tax being explored.” A motion was made by David Miller to approve the January minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Paul Jarosinski has the petition for a group called Nine Districts for MOCO to get an initiative on the 2020 ballot in Montgomery County proposing changing the representation of the County Council from nine members comprised of five District and four At-Large Representatives to nine District Representatives (eliminating the At-Large Representatives)
- Olney Days will be April 24-26, 2020 and volunteers are needed; go to <https://olneycivicfund.org>

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PRESENTATION BY LARRY LAUER**

- Larry Lauer is a member of the Montgomery County Charter Review Commission
- there will be Charter Review Commission listening sessions coming up (dates below)
- the Charter Review Commission is non partisan
- action can occur through the Charter Review Commission or by petition
- the Commission started looking at the structure of the County Council to see if it’s still relevant to the County as it is today (this is separate from the Nine Districts for MOCO ballot initiative mentioned above)
- the population of the County has increased dramatically
- we now have about 70,000 people per Council District
- most Council members are elected from Down-County
- the Commission has studied the issue, done research and is still in the information gathering phase
- one study shows that when comparing Montgomery County to other local jurisdictions, it has the worst ratio of council member to residents ratio for 7 of 11 measures studied

- one question still being explored is whether Montgomery County should have At-Large Council members or not
- It's unknown how the Charter Review Commission (CRC) will come out on the issue
- it's important to participate

Upcoming Listening Sessions:

- February 22, 2020 at 2:30 PM at the Olney Library
- March 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM; Council Office Bldg., Rockville, Md.
- March 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM; Up-County Regional Services Center, Germantown, Md.

**ELECTION OF GOCA OFFICERS – HILARY PHILLIPS-ROGERS**

The slate of GOCA Officers for 2020 was presented:

- Matt Quinn, President
- Hilary Phillips-Rogers, Executive Vice-President
- David Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Curtis Chappell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary
- Bob Hambrecht, Treasurer
- Ryan Martin, Correspondence Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. Ed Weisel made a motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**UPDATE ON GOCA AWARDS**

- Carol Frenkel and Hilary Phillips-Rogers are finalizing the ballot and it should be ready by the end of the week
- the ballot only goes out to Representatives and Officers so your vote is important
- please vote as soon as you get the ballot
- **voting will close February 25, 2020**
- Awards Ceremony will be March 15, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Good Counsel High School

**TRAFFIC SURVEY UPDATE**

- residents of Hallowell were queried about roads one year ago
- got a long list of secondary roads needing repairs
- poor workmanship in repairs that were done
- a survey went out to other neighborhoods through GOCA
- there's a link for a new survey on the GOCA website
- MCDOT doesn't get enough money to maintain roads
- need to look at re-allocating money to help resolve the issues

**OLNEY TOWN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Master plan
- three goals: 1) create a concept for a town center; 2) create a civic center; 3) review development projects

- we want a bigger stake in decisions
- working to get an overlay zone which would give us more of a role
- there are open slots on the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee; they meet quarterly (more or less) as needed
- will put links on the GOCA website

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report – reminder that some Associations still owe dues and list of current representatives

Correspondence Report – survey on roads is on the GOCA website

No New Business

A motion was made by Curtis Chappell to adjourn at 8:46 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Officers will be on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library. The next regular GOCA Representatives Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 7:30-9:00 PM at the Sandy Spring Fire Station in the Oak Room.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary**

In attendance:

### **GOCA Officers**

David Miller, Executive Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; John Blachere, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ashley Hollow, Hilary Phillips-Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –Victoria Springs; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill

### **GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kathy Curtis (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Christine Picaut (Oatland Farm), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Dominique D'Anna (Olney Mill), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Jay Fineberg (Olney Oaks), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill), Alden English (SEROCA)

### **Public**

Luke Norkiewicz (Troop 264), Jen Evans (Troop 264), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Cole Steward (Troop 264), Eugene Ficocco (Cherrywood), Ira Ungar (Representing Bonnie Cullison, District 19)