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**Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
March 10, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for the March 10, 2020 meeting with one correction. Under Transportation, the second line should read “moved down in the priority.” The motion was seconded and approved.

An amendment was made to Minutes for the February 11, 2020 meeting. On page 1, under “Charter Review Committee Presentation by Larry Lauer,” 7<sup>th</sup> bullet, it should read “we now have about 217,000 people per Council District.” A motion was made to approve the February minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- GOCA Awards ceremony March 15<sup>th</sup> at Good Counsel HS from 2:00-4:00 PM
- March 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30 Casey Anderson mtg. to discuss the next 50 years for Olney
- 50<sup>th</sup> Olney Help Anniversary event (no date yet); hope to help raise funds
- 9 Districts—Paul Jarosinski has the petition

**HOUSE BILL 1628 – SALES AND USE TAX – RATE REDUCTION AND SERVICES**

- bill to help fund Kirwan Commission goals
- **Robin Manougian** from the Community Associations Institute (CAI) spoke
  - CAI advocates for community associations
  - CAI opposed the bill
  - bill has been dropped
  - any services would have been taxed 5% (management services, lawn and pool services, etc.)
  - testimony was given from both sides
  - opposition was strong & helped get the bill killed
  - there may be another bill brought forward
  - HB 1354 – luxury tax, taxing cleaning services and other “luxuries” 6%
  - what things are considered to be luxuries
- **Gary Simon** from Comsource Management also spoke
  - if you spent \$1 million for work (roof, etc.) you would be taxed for this as well as existing

services

- are gambling funds going to the education fund?

Paul Jarosinski noted that if this legislation passed, many HOAs like Cherrywood could hit the maximum allowable assessment in their Declaration documents.

- **Eric Luedtke** from District 14 spoke
  - school construction is a priority
  - spend approximately \$1 billion in next few years; money from the gambling “lock box”
  - Kirwan Commission goal to have world class schools
  - our economy should be rooted in knowledge
  - right now we’re in the middle of the pack
  - HB 1628 was about the way we tax things
  - funding proposals include closing tax loopholes
  - taxes from various products such as tobacco products, digital goods, luxury services
    - support small businesses by taxing differently than as it’s done now

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## **2019 GOCA AWARD WINNERS**

- Citizens of the Year: **Johnathan Dunn, Michael Maddox & Alexander Silverbook**
- Contribution to the Community: **Jeffrey Weiler, Tammy Fox**
- Youth Contribution to the Community: **Safiullah Rifai**
- GOCA Worker of the Year: **Ryan Martin**
- Ron Berger Memorial Olney Heritage Award: **The Women’s Board of Montgomery General Hospital**

## **GREG INTOCCIA INTERNSHIP WINNER**

- **JoJo Mnoma-Addison**

## **TRASH/RECYCLING UPDATE**

- Carolyn Knight reported that she will have more information about a trash study in April
- there was an article about orange stickers on recycling in the Greater Olney News

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Treasurer’s Report – some dues still owed
- Transportation – The Md. 97/28 (Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Road) grade separated intersection originally approved in 2001 was #5 on the initial 2020 Transportation Priorities List, however several groups recommended demoting the priority for funding of this intersection further including the entire District 14 legislative team. Paul Jarosinski made a motion for GOCA to send a letter to move the 97/28 intersection construction project up in priority, it was seconded & passed unanimously.
- Olney Town Center – Jim Smith, new chair of committee for next 2 yrs., working on overlay

zone (mechanism to get site plan review)

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM Officers' meeting
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM Casey Anderson
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM GOCA Representatives Meeting at the SSVFD, Oak Room
- Olney Days, April 24-26

No New Business

A motion was made by Carolyn Knight to adjourn at 9:24 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

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

In attendance:

### **GOCA Officers**

Matt Quinn, President – Cherrywood; David Miller, 1st Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Curtis Chappell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Olney Square; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill

### **GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

Shane Hickey (Brookeville Farms), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Christine Picaut (Oatland Farm), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Michael Cullingford (Reserve at Fair Hill), Alden English (SEROCA)

### **Public**

Ben Sullivan (Resident), Kyle Sullivan, Gary Simon (Comsource Management/CAI), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News)