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Representatives Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Note: this meeting was conducted via Zoom and Live Stream You Tube due to the Coronavirus restrictions in place.

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

The minutes for the May 12, 2020 meeting and the Agenda for the June 9, 2020 meeting were posted on the website. We did not vote on approval, but asked people to send an email through the website or to GOCA Officers if any corrections are needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Construction of the Tower near 97/200 has begun.
- 100th Women's Board Picnic and Bazaar has been moved to October 3, 2020.
- There was a complaint about heavy trucks speeding on Zion Road; after addressing parties involved, trucks have slowed down, at least for now.
- Motorcycles and ATVs have been causing damage on the Blue Mash trails. It is County owned property and the problem is getting straightened out.
- Motorcycles have been speeding on the ICC. Police Chief Col. Anders has finally responded to our inquiries. He stated that there will be targeted enforcement. From June 5-7 there were 159 traffic stops, 259 citations, 2 criminal arrests. Matt Quinn is going to see Col. Anders tomorrow (June 10) at 3:30 to address critical safety issues.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN SARBANES, MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

- We are navigating tricky times.
- Covid-19 virus is still an issue.
- Economic dislocation. Businesses are suffering, especially small businesses.
- Federal support was rolled out quickly, but ran up against capacity of the system.
- Glitches occurred.
- Pushed out \$250 billion.
- Working on next rollout of paycheck protection.
- Tried to accommodate concerns from previous rollout.
- Systems overloaded trying to help businesses and families.
- Federal direct payments sent out, some as direct deposit, some as debit cards.
- Efforts to extend assistance to state and local governments so budgets can be balanced.
- Working on election preparedness. Working to fix problems encountered in the Primary and to

- get resources to help fix them
- Justice in policing in 2020 includes working on Federal standards which include a ban on chokeholds & carotid holds.
- Working to change standards on use of force—necessary vs. reasonable.

Questions for Congressman Sarbanes:

1. Local Police forces are receiving military equipment. How do you feel about this?

A: Congressman Sarbanes is very anxious about this and working to limit. Hyper militarized policing causes great concerns.

2. What control does Congress have over local Police?

A: Congress has no direct authority, but does have guidelines and standards. Federal grants provide money and can be used as leverage to incentivize changes in the process. Some services could be handled by entities other than Police.

3. What is being done to ensure that mail-in ballots are secure and fair?

A: There is little evidence of fraud in states that have used mail-in ballots for years. Our current challenge in states that haven't used mail-in ballots extensively, is trying to quickly ramp up the mailing of ballots. We will have to rely on vendors. This requires ordering machinery, putting safety measures in place, and having more early election dates. Voter education is critical. We need to send people to trustworthy sources for information and this is an area in which GOCA can help.

4. What does defunding Police mean and how do you feel about it?

A: Congressman Sarbanes does not support defunding Police. He believes we should bring funding where it's needed for public safety. We need to reimagine ways to police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Intern awardee:** Hilary Phillips-Rogers announced that the winner of the Greg Intoccia Intern Award is Kojo Nnoma-Addison. He is the first recipient selected and is a rising senior at Sandy Spring Friends School. He wants to study Political Science in college. He will likely start the internship at the end of June.
- **Transportation:** We are still trying to get a priority list. A transportation representative for the State, District 3 has agreed to come to our July 2020 meeting.
- **Trash:** No bulky trash items can be picked up, but the Transfer Station is opening to the public again. Check the website.
- **Report on CCOC meeting:** Carolyn Knight attended the Zoom CCOC meeting which lasted 2 ½ hours. Many questions were asked. POOLS: Many associations had question about opening their community pools. One important piece of information--if they are planning to open their pool later in the season, they need to schedule a pre-inspection and they need to do it early. PLAYGROUNDS: All playgrounds are still closed. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES: Although Associations can't legally waive their fees, they can make accommodations waiving late fees and can work out payment plans.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- June 25, 2020, 7:00 PM Officers' meeting via Zoom
- July 14, 2020, 7:30 PM GOCA Representatives Meeting via web video conference. Tentative guests for the meeting will be District 14 and 19 MD State Senators Craig Zucker and Ben Kramer as well as representative(s) from the MD State Highway Administration. We are also inviting Gabe Albernoz to discuss use of force legislation.

Curtis Chappell made a motion to adjourn at 8:17. It was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Matt Quinn, President – Cherrywood; Hilary Phillips-Rogers, Executive VP –Victoria Springs; Dave Miller, 1st Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Curtis Chappell, 2nd Vice President – Olney Square; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary – Brookeville Knolls

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Shane Hickey (Brookeville Farms), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Howard Greif (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Christine Picaut (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks)

Presenters, Guests & Public

Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Vikki Garcia (Congressman Sarbanes' Office), Congressman John Sarbanes (Maryland Congressional District 3)