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Representatives Meeting Minutes
September 8, 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 7:32 PM.

The September 8, 2020 Agenda and July 12, 2020 Representatives Meeting Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sidewalks from Olney to New Hampshire Avenue have been approved.
- Council ballot initiatives will include Questions “C” and “D” regarding the size and makeup of the County Council. “C” would have 7 Districts and 4 At-Large positions. “D” would have 9 Districts (and no At-Large representatives). If 51%, or more, of citizens vote yes on both, they would cancel each other out and the current configuration would stand.
- This report looked at the County Council configuration. It incorrectly characterized GOCA’s survey. Matt Quinn will correct the record. The report can be viewed at [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/crc/Resources/Files/2020Charter Review CommissionReport.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/crc/Resources/Files/2020Charter%20Review%20CommissionReport.pdf)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER ALBORNOZ ON USE OF FORCE BILL 27-20

- To see the complete bill, go to:
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_2D.pdf
- The bill was passed unanimously.
- Puts into law and codifies past practices in use in Montgomery County.
- Also includes elements to prevent problems we’ve seen elsewhere in the country.
- It includes new policies that will prohibit officers from using deadly force except as a last resort.
- Prohibits neck or carotid holds.
- Limits no-knock warrants.
- Requires officers to stop, or attempt to stop, the use of excessive force by another officer.
- Another bill adds 6 licensed social workers.

Questions for Councilmember Alborno:

1. **Carolyn Knight talked about her involvement for many years with the NAMI CIT**

Program which offers classes for officers. When calling 911 for a mental health crisis, ask for a CIT Officer, let them know the nature of the crisis, and if there are weapons involved.

A: Albornoz responded that MCPD also has a renowned Autism Training Program.

- 2. Howard Greif asked about a separate issue regarding operating requirements for HOAs. Do community playgrounds and pools fall under the requirements set out by the state during the COVID crisis?**

A: Montgomery County has a decision making tree that uses data. Dr. Travis Gales and Dr. Earl Stoddard are at the top of the tree. They take a look as changes are needed.

DR. GILBERTO ZELAYA, VICE PRESIDENT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- Mail in ballots that have been requested will be sent out the last week of September through the first week of October.
- There will be 43 ballot drop boxes.
- Starting October 1, there will be eleven early voting centers opened. Others will be added.
- People may vote at any voting center in their district. The closest voting centers in Olney will be at Sherwood High School and the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department in Sandy Spring.
- October 1, processing of mail-in ballots that have been received will begin.

2020 General Election FAQ's:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/FrequentlyAskedQuestions/faqs-general-2020.html>

Register to vote postmark deadline is Tuesday, October 13

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

Mail-in ballot request deadline is Tuesday, October 20 (not a postmark deadline, but a hard deadline)

1. <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1>

Voter Lookup Tool

1. Text CHECK to 77788; or
2. <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

KHALID AFZAL, THRIVE MONTGOMERY 2050 UPDATE

- Full power point available at the GOCA website under September 2020 Meeting Materials.
- Report is about adapting to new realities and shifting the way we think about how the county should grow.

- Last done in 1969.
- Published draft September 24, 2020.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ERICA RIGBY)

- Full presentation available at the GOCA website under September 2020 Meeting Materials.
- The 97/28 intersection project is on hold. It is number 7 on the priority list. Some improvements to the intersection were already made, but a new traffic analysis needs to be done.
- The Brookeville Bypass noise wall is progressing. Meadow Branch Stream restoration nearly complete. Sewer line relocation almost complete. The entire project should be complete in 2021.

Q: Paul Jarosinski asked when the Road Show would be this year?

A: It will be October 15, 2020 and will be done online.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- September 24, 2020, 7:00 PM Officers' meeting via Zoom
- October 13, 2020, 7:30 PM GOCA General Membership Meeting via web video conference.

Carol Frenkel made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 PM. 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; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary – Brookeville Knolls

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

John Seng (Brooke Manor), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Howard Greif (Lake Hallowell), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Christine Picaut (Oatland Farm), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra)

Presenters, Guests & Public

Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Bruce Shoop, Joy Nurmi, Gabe Albernoz, Khalid Afzal, Kandes Holford, Vikki Garcia, Gilberto Zelaya, Christopher Bishop, Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Erica Rigby, Derek Gunn