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Representatives Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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.

A motion was made by Curtis Chappell and seconded to approve the Agenda for November 10, 2020.

A motion was made by Curtis Chappell and seconded to approve the Minutes for the October 13, 2020 Representatives Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Governor Hogan re-imposed stricter Coronavirus restrictions. Go to coronavirus.maryland.gov for details.
- GOCA is reaching out to Chief Marcus Jones of the Montgomery County Police to gather information about the re-imagining of the Police Department.
- We will be inviting our District 14 and 19 legislators to a meeting to discuss proposed legislation for the 2021 legislative session.
- GOCA needs volunteers for the offices of Treasurer and Recording Secretary to be put on the ballot for 2021.

2019 GOCA AWARDS – Carol Frenkel presenting

Awards were announced and presented to the following recipients.

- 2019 Howard J. Garber Memorial Citizen of the Year Award: **Sherwood Music Teachers, Jonathan Dunn, Michael Maddox & Alexander Silverbook**
- 2019 Contribution to Community Award: **Tammy Fox & Jeffrey Weiler**
- 2019 Youth Contribution to the Community Award: **Safiullah Rifai**
- 2019 GOCA Worker of the Year: **Ryan Martin**
- 2019 Ron Berger Memorial Olney Heritage Award: **The Women’s Board of Montgomery General Hospital (2019 President Karen Nordstrom & 2020 President Christine Hill-Wilson accepting)**

ICC SAFETY COALITION – John Seng

- ICC Safety Coalition formed to address concerns about speeding on the ICC
- Senator Kramer & Delegate Vaughn Stewart have been involved
- Goals include deterring speeding/racing and increasing punishment for hiding tags, illegal exhaust and reckless driving
- The police chief has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- Maryland Department of Transportation (MDTA) is using innovation & technology, including drone technology, since police cannot pursue extremely high speeders unless a crime is involved
- There are now 100 members of this group statewide

STATE OVERCHARGES ON PROPERTY TAXES – Louis Wilen

- The state has overcharged on some property taxes
- Homeowners receive a variety of property tax credits including the Income Tax Offset Credit and the Homestead Credit
- The Homeowners Tax Credit (different for the Homestead Credit) is primarily for middle and lower income as well as elderly homeowners
- Designed to limit tax bills
- Requires a form to be filled out and calculations are done by the State
- State was deducting other credits
- Delegate Al Carr and Delegate Pam Queen put forward a bill to address the problem but it didn't get out of committee
- Since then an audit report was done by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) and it found problems with the calculations
- Currently a bill to get back three years' worth of credits

COMMUNITY POOLS & PLAYGROUNDS – Howard Greif

- New Executive Order from the Governor regarding community pools and playgrounds on how to open legally and safely
- Executive Order includes HOAs
- Previous order required cleaning spaces daily and wiping down everything every 2 hours when customers present
- Greif testified at hearing to amend the executive order
- Playgrounds now excluded from cleaning requirements
- Greif would like time carved out at future GOCA meetings for discussion of associations with pools
- Mark Fine can assist

THRIVE MONTGOMERY

- County's vision for next 30 years
- We need more of a grasp about what they're planning
- GOCA needs to take a position
- Need volunteers from GOCA community to help dissect plan

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Next GOCA officers meeting date TBD 7:00 PM via Zoom (usual date would be Thanksgiving)
- December 8, 2020, 7:30 PM GOCA General Membership Meeting via web video conference.

Curtis Chappell made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 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; Curtis Chappell, 2nd Vice President -- Olney Square; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

John Seng (Brooke Manor), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Louis Willen (Cherrywood), 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), Kim Webster (Olney Oaks), Jeffrey Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery)

Presenters, Guests & Public

Matthew Bernhard, Christine Wilson, Tammy Fox, Johnathan Dunn, Judy Hruz, Karen Nordstrom, Michael Maddox, Alexander Silverbook, Safiullah Rifai, Azimullah Rifai, Rhoshanda Pyles, Joel Beidelman, John Seng, Trish Pignone, Delegate Pam Queen (District 14), Aleka Kapatou, Senator Ben Kramer (District 19), Jeff Rothleder, David Sager, Delegate Anne Kaiser (District 14), Senator Craig Zucker (District 14)