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Representatives Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

Hilary Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

An update to the minutes from the previous meeting was requested, will be revised based on feedback and posted following approval. We did not vote on approval, asked to move to the next meeting.

NOMINATION

- Hilary Phillips brought forth nomination for Michael Jozaitis as Recording Secretary, seconded – approved as new GOCA Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bowie Mill Bikeway Project; GOCA has sent a letter in support.
- Project is a connection between two bikeways, the issue is a delay in planning (more than one year). Would put the completion year in 2030, 15 years from planned original start date. GOCA appealed to Montgomery County Council to see what can be done to accelerate/approve in current budget cycle; County thanks GOCA, agreed the project was on value, learned there was a budget gap and that it is a “worthy project” that should move forward.
 - Delegate Eric Luedtke – showed support for restarting Bowie Mill bikeway project, communicating w/ town county council in real-time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES FOR DISTRICT 14 (DISTRICT 19 will be in fall 2021)

Attending Legislators: Senator Craig Zucker (Senate), Delegate Pam Queen (House), Delegate Ann Kaiser (House), Delegate Eric Luedtke (House).

High level topics covered: COVID Response and Relief, 2021 Legislative highlights, budget highlights, general Montgomery County highlights, followed by Q/A.

Details can be viewed in the Power Point Presentation that is posted on the GOCA website, as a PDF: https://www.goca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/state_reps_05-11-2021_GOCA_wrapup.pdf

Member Questions to Legislators:

- Howard Greif – question regarding COVID insurance claims “targeting associations,” seeking understanding on “legal immunity for fraudulent claims” made on public safety,

- IE virus transmission occurring on property (IE clubhouse) owned by an HOA/association/or similar. Legislators to follow up.
- Ed Weisel – question regarding police shooting statistics (recent Cashell lockdown). Legislators to follow up with any known data.
 - Curtis Chappel – question regarding child vaccinations requirements in schools – TBD, Legislators to follow up with any known data.
 - C. Gervais – question regarding “Housebill 1337” IE basketball backboards, who overrides who when it comes to HOA vs county vs state for ability to permit basketball hoops during lockdown. Legislators commented HOAs will have discretion over this matter (IE there is some leeway).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Jeff Duce – Treasurer's Report
 - Of the 35 associations that pay into GOCA, so far 20 have submitted (due date is June end of month); well on the way to collecting all due fees. Wants to get to 100% by end of June.
 - Added new association, Forest Crossing HOA.
- Ryan Martin – Communications
 - Provided information on a Cyber security update on Wordpress platform.
- Carol Frenkel – GOCA Awards
 - Follow up on GOCA Award Nominations - suggest people, or organization that made major contributions this year (IE 2020/2021) – send nominations to GOCA OFFICERS. GOCA awards are “our way of saying thank you to the community.”

GOCA MEMBER TOPIC

- Howard Grief – Agenda item submission for next meeting
 - Regarding Lake Hallowell HOA, follow up on COVID cases obtained at facilitates (asked to Legislators earlier in session) – “seeking clarifications on the level of legal associations must have, as it is not something small businesses are required to do.”
 - Howard will bring forth a copy of documentation for review, will request a “vote of support that associations are not held liable for damages from COVID related cases.”

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Next General Membership Meeting – June 8, 7:30 PM
- Next Officer’s Meeting via Zoom – May 27, 7:30 PM

Hilary Phillips made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Jozaitis, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Hilary Phillips-Rogers, President – Victoria Springs; Carol Frenkel, Executive VP – Olney Mill, Curtis Chappell, 1st VP – Olney Square, Irina Norrell, 2nd VP – Norbeck Meadows, Ryan Martin, Corresponding Secretary – Brookeville Knolls, Jeff Duce – Treasurer – Norbeck Grove, Michael Jozaitis, Recording Secretary – Norbeck Meadows

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

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), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra)

Guests & Public

Senator Craig Zucker (Senate), Delegate Pam Queen (House), Delegate Ann Kaiser (House), Delegate Eric Luedtke (House), Vikki Garcia, Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Kim Webster (Olney Oaks), Jesse McMahan