

REVISED DRAFT
Representatives Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

7:30, Hilary Phillips called meeting to order.

Call for approval of 9/14 agenda. Carol Frenkel moved to approve agenda.

A member requested to add topic to agenda, wished to gain clarity that letter was sent to county council per Thrive 2050 resolution. Agenda approved as amended.

The president introduced parliamentary concept – Irina Norrell, 2nd VP, will share new responsibilities to help discussion stay on track, adhere to GOCA bylaws. Irina stated that members should come on camera in order to talk, take 2-3 minutes. Parliamentarian can mute or drop those that break rules from calls. GOCA will use all available tools to manage the meeting. Members were encouraged to type questions into the chat box. One member requested qualifications from Irina Norrell per new responsibilities. President thanked the member. Topic will be discussed later.

Motion made to approve July meeting minutes by Irina Norrell, seconded. [NOTE: due to extensive revisions to July and September Minutes, they will be posted to the GOCA website and voted on at the end of November meeting.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hilary Phillips introduced Lindsay Robee from Cadence Living at Olney. Lindsay is with Community Relations for Cadence Living at Olney, the new assisted living and memory care facility next to SSFD. Projected opening is Jan. 2022. Welcome center is in Olney Village Shopping Center.

COMMISSION ON REDISTRICTING PRESENTATION (Sam Statland, Commissioner)

- Commission on redistricting in Montgomery County. Sam has been involved with Olney community since the 70s. Presentation can be found here:

<https://www.goca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Redistricting-Commission-Presentation-6th-ed.pdf>

PRESENTATION FROM STACEY BAND – Citizens for Friendship Heights

- President introduced Stacey Band
- Stacey made a presentation about a Change.org petition

<https://www.change.org/p/montgomery-county-council-montgomery-county-council-broad-community-input-needed-on-residential-zoning-changes>

The petition’s goal is below:

Residents of Montgomery County have serious concerns about the “Draft Thrive Montgomery 2050 General Plan” now before the County Council. To implement the Plan’s housing goals and policies, current residential zoning will be changed to allow market-rate multi-family housing units (duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes) in single-family neighborhoods *as a matter of right without any public input*, resulting in potential gentrification of neighborhoods and displacement of residents countywide. Before any zoning changes implementing the Thrive Plan are approved, we ask the County Council to:

- Establish Community Advisory Groups for all potentially affected communities to facilitate citizen input concerning the specific details of those zoning changes;
- Mandate that all rezoning allowing development of multi-family housing types in single-family neighborhoods use the traditional master and sector plan processes in order to increase public support and avoid “one size fits all” results.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Jeff Duce’s Treasurer’s Report –
 - This is a quiet time, 32 associations part of GOCA, lost 2, gained 1
 - Collected \$850/Olney days
 - Collected \$300/police station
- Ryan Martin – Announced Zoom will start at 7:30 moving forward.
- Carol Frenkel – Update on GOCA awards. Deadline for voting Sunday, October 17, 2021.

New Business

- Executive VP replied to question in chat regarding mailing of Thrive Resolution. Reported that the resolution passed last meeting, was put on letterhead, placed in US mail to County Council. President will assess the impact of the resolution.
- A member asked if GOCA is looking into Redistricting or Thrive? Answer: Member of Planning board will come to next GOCA meeting to clarify aspects of the document. GOCA can then determine how to respond.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Next General Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Next Officers’ Meeting Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 by Hilary Phillips.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Jozaitis, Recording Secretary

Carol Frenkel, Former 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

Conrad Hocking (Lake Hollowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra), Gervias Crouch (Norbeck Chase), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Jesse McMahon (Williamsburg Village), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Matt Quinn (former GOCA President), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kim Webster (Olney Oaks),

Guests & Public

Sam Statland (Redistricting Commission), Stacy Band (Citizens of Friendship Heights), Vikki Garcia (Office of Congressman Sarbanes), Cary Lamari (Former President Civic Federation), Khalid Afzal (Thrive Montgomery), Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Lindsay Robee (Cadence Living at Olney).