

DRAFT v2  
**Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
October 12, 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 at 7:30.

Hilary stated there will not be a vote on July or September meeting minutes, a decision will be made on approval at a later date. Questions asked by delegates related to meeting minutes.

Hilary Phillips made motion to approve agenda for tonight, seconded by Carol Frenkel.

Hilary Phillips shared that there will be a service on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard for Robert Gill, encouraged members to attend.

Carol Frenkel shared an update on GOCA Awards. Stated votes are coming in, encouraged delegates to vote as well. Stated plans are in place to ensure plaques get produced in time for awards ceremony at November meeting (Note: November Awards Ceremony will be held online).

## **MEETING TOPICS**

Michael Jozaitis introduced Council Member Evan Glass (at-large).

- Topics covered –
  - MoCo has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country, among “large counties.”
  - Shared his background in non-profit work, also a former CNN journalist.
  - Stated his focus areas are food for those in need, homelessness and vulnerable communities.
  - Shared background on his work with the Montgomery County Pay Equity act.
  - Read more at:  
<https://wamu.org/story/19/05/07/asking-job-applicants-about-salary-history-could-soon-be-banned-in-montgomery-county-government/>
  - Shared update on Afghan Refugee program, coming into MD/VA care of Dulles, driven through federal programs.
  - Shared background as first openly LGBT member of council, views it as part of his mission to make residents feel safe and welcome. Has also put focus on cutting red tape for businesses, empower life sciences.
  - Statements around redistricting and the change in population fueling the need to move from

5 - 7 districts.

- Questions/comments –
  - Comments, recap of Cherrywood park renovation.
  - Questions on Montgomery County Pay Equity act.
  - Question on Highschool students and vaccination rates.
  - Request to talk about CIP projects, how more can get into the queue.
  - Question about Afghan Refugee program and COVID testing/vaccination.
  - Follow up on differences in vaccination stats shared vs. county dashboard (difference is population eligibility and MoCo vs. CDC data inclusions).
  - Question about air quality in schools and COVID.
  - Comments about keeping up county facilities and public safety (IE: sidewalks, etc.).
  - Support raised for Bowie Mill Bikeway project.
  - Question about vaccination rates and mask mandate changes – forthcoming decisions from county.
  - Question about how to request a stop sign.
  - Comments/questions about pedestrian safety master plan.
  - Comments about sidewalks and snow removal (re: requesting changes to roads in a neighborhood).
  - Request for BRT update.
  - Comments on MoCo mask mandates vs. recommendations/guidance statements.

Hilary Phillips introduces Brian Anleu (Chief of Staff to Planning Board) to discuss Thrive Montgomery. Brian made comments on Cherrywood Park renovation, passed to Khleid Afzal for presentation on Thrive Montgomery

Presentation summary:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/thrive-facts-vs-myths.pdf>

- Topics covered –
  - Recap of presentation deck
  - Attainable housing explained in more detail (Lisa Govoni speaking)
  - ZTD timelines
- Questions/comments –
  - Question about how plans can accommodate 200K people, clarification on home sales and Thrive impact
  - Question around rumor that Thrive will convert single family home units into multi-family
  - Request for clarity on what a ZTD does (text amendment)
  - Question about the conversion of commercial to residential space

Closing Remarks by Hilary Phillips –

- No committee reports at this meeting
- See everyone at November Meeting/GOCA awards

- Next Officers meeting is Oct 28, 7:00 PM send agenda ideas for forthcoming meetings by that date

Motion to adjourn at 9:00PM by Hilary Phillips, seconded by Curtis Chappell.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Olney Square, Jeff Duce – Treasurer – Norbeck Grove, Michael Jozaitis, Recording Secretary – Norbeck Meadows

**GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra), Gervais Crouch (Norbeck Chase), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Matt Quinn (former GOCA President), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Kim Webster (Olney Oaks), Barbara Falcigno, Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Howard Grief (Lake Hallowell), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm), Marlene Saulsbury (Forest Crossing)

**Guests & Public**

Evan Glass (At-Large Council Member), Cary Lamari (Former President Civic Federation), Khalid Afzal (Thrive Montgomery), Lisa Govoni (Thrive Montgomery), Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Brian Anleu (Montgomery County Planning), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Vikki Garcia (Office of Congressman John Sarbanes), Tim Lighter (OTCAC), Art Brodsky, Billy Becker, Shane Hickey, Darlene Saulsbury, Henry Hailstock, Daniel (last name unknown), Robert (last name unknown)