

Greater Olney Civic Association
Minutes
2022-03-08 Representatives Meeting

The 2022-03-08 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:30PM EST by President Helene Rosenheim, with Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan present. A quorum was present.

Those attending were:

GOCA Officers: President Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), 2nd Vice President Irina Norrell (Norbeck Meadows), 1st Vice President Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), 2nd Vice President Matt Quinn, Treasurer Jeff Duce (Norbeck Grove), Corresponding Secretary Jamie Goad, Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan

Representatives: Andrew Stein (Briar Acres), Maria Bender (Brookeville Knolls), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Henry Hailstock (Lake Hallowell), Edward Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Kelly Wasik (Tanterra)

Guests: Amrita Ghosh (Green Olney), Jennifer Rusiecki (Green Olney), Khalid Afzal (Montgomery County Planning Department), Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Terri Hogan (Olney Chamber of Commerce), Danny Rubenstein, Ira Ungar, John Seng, Michelle Graham, Paul Geller, Perry Paylor, Vikki Garcia (Office of Congressman John Sarbannes), Antonio Rebelo, Carol Sullivan, Erik Brandt, Gina Quinn

The agenda of the 2022-3-08 representatives meeting was approved

The minutes of the 2022-02-08 representative meeting was tabled until the 2022-04-12 representatives meeting.

Thomas Canavan and Matt Quinn were approved as officers of GOCA without objection.

Treasurer Duce introduced Jennifer Rusiecki and Amrita Ghosh, founders of Green Olney, who gave a presentation titled "Green Olney - green initiatives in the greater Olney area" which concluded with a question-and-answer session, including suggestions for ways to connect with the community.

2nd Vice-President Quinn introduced Danny Rubenstein, member, GOCA Transportation Committee, who gave an update on the Bowie Mill Bikeway CIP Update. He presented a letter GOCA sent to the County Council and County Executive in support of allocating funds for completion of the bikeway earlier than currently proposed.

President Rosenheim presented some background information on the County's general plan and then introduced Khalid Azfal, General Plan Project Manager, Montgomery Planning Dept, who gave a presentation titled "Thrive 2050 Update" which concluded with a question-and-answer session.

A Motion was introduced by Irina Novell that after having reviewed the PHED Committee draft of Thrive 2050, we have gained a clearer understanding of the goals and scope of this document. Therefore, we now understand that Thrive 2050 is a broad mission statement intended to guide development and growth in the County over the next few decades with admirable goals of creating successful, equitable, and sustainable communities all through the County, and will not, in and of itself, result in changes to zoning. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

2nd Vice-President Quinn announced that GOCA will sponsor County Council District 7 Candidate Events via Zoom on April 5th and April 7th, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM EST

Thomas Canavan, Recording Secretary