

Greater Olney Civic Association  
Minutes  
2022-04-12 Representatives Meeting

The 2022-04-12 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:35PM 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), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Treasurer Jeff Duce (Norbeck Grove), Recording Secretary Thomas Canavan

Representatives: Andrew Stein (Briar Acres), Maria Bender (Brookeville Knolls), Louis Wilen (Cherrywood), Paul Jaronski (Cherrywood), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Mike Dickerson (Olney Oaks), Kelly Wasik (Tanterra), Carol Sullivan (), Jim Smith (Oatland Farm)

Guests: Pastor Kevin Baker (Oakdale Church), Chris Miller (Owner, Lone Oak Farm Brewery Co.)  
Judy Hruz (Greater Olney News), Terri Hogan (Olney Chamber of Commerce), Paul Geller (District 7 County Council Candidate), Paul Fowler (American Legion), Vikki Garcia (Office of Congressman John Sarbanes), Colin Vale

The agenda of the 2022-4-12 representatives meeting was approved.

The minutes of the 2022-02-08 representative meeting was approved as amended.

The minutes of the 2022-03-08 representative meeting was tabled pending amendments.

GOCA Officers and Representatives review best practices for General Rules of Conduct during public meetings.

**Announcements**

Terri Hogan – funding approved by the county to begin planning on a permanent police substation

**Presentation**

Oakdale Church Coffee House

Oakdale Pastor Kevin Baker and Chris Miller, Owner, Lone Oak Farm Brewery Co. discussed zoning update and process for converting the Oakdale Chapel. Committed to a focus on local roasters, food, and maybe local goods. Will be a for-profit business that will support operations and maintenance of the Oakdale Chapel.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jeff Duce asked representatives to consider donating a \$1 per door in each community to support Olney Days

**Old Business**

Treasurer Jeff Duce provided an update on County Council District 7 Candidate Events. He discussed format and presenters. Invited representatives to attend the next meeting.

President Helene Rosenheim provided updates on Olney Days, April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> and the Shred event announcement which includes paper, electronics, and clothes/shoes.

**New Business**

**Report on Development Proposal on Hillcrest Avenue**

Chair Jim Smith from the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee presented on changes to 18201 Hillcrest Ave. that will bring a new two-story Office Building that will be used primarily for medical businesses

April 20<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm to speak directly with the developer regarding the project

**Report on N. High Street Project**

President Helene Rosenheim provided background on this project. Indicated cost were higher than expected and the county was encouraged to fund the project as it could benefit by improving the tax base. The timeline for the project is estimated at FY24 completing design, FY25 land acquisition, and Construction by FY26; by mid-May 2022 the county process should be completed. Speed Limit will be reduced to 25 MPH.

**Panhandlers at the Rte. 97/108 Intersection**

President Helene Rosenheim acknowledged that this issue has surfaced in the past and that GOCA will be reviving committees on Transportation and Public Policy that may help address this issue

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM EST

Thomas Canavan, Recording Secretary