



GREATER OLNEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
2026-06-09 Representatives DRAFT Meeting Minutes
APPROVED: JULY 14, 2026

The 2026-6-09 Representatives Meeting of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) was conducted in-person in the Brookeville Academy, Brookeville, MD and online via Zoom Web Teleconference.

Executive Vice President Matt Quinnl called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm [EST](#)

A quorum was present.. V= Attended virtually

Officers

- Matt Quinn, Exec Vice President (Cherrywood)
- Thomas Canavan, 1st Vice President (Hallowell)
- Nicolas Boss, Treasurer
- Kristen Quinn, Corresponding Secretary (Norbeck Meadows)
- Irina Norell, Immediate Past President (Norbeck Meadows)

Members

- Jackie Benn ()
- Diane Littlefield (Olney Acres)

- Mike Payne (Olney Oaks SF)
- Lou Welantetz (Preserve at Small's Nursery)

Guests

- Aaron Kraut, Chief of Staff, Dawn Leudtke, Montgomery County Council, District 7
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- Ginny ?
- Stacy
- Additional participants on Zoom, names not recorded

Agenda/Minutes Approval

- June 9, 2026 agenda accepted with no additions or changes.
- April 14, 2026 minutes approved with no additions or corrections:

Guest Speaker

Montgomery County Council Update by Dawn Leudtke, District 7

- • Tough budget year – wrapped up Operational and Capital budgets
- • Did not want property tax increase
- • Wanted more cost containment
- • Voted against operating budget
- • Did not want to use reserves
- • Capital Budget: success in Bowie Mill Bikeway, Satellite Station, School HVAC improvements, Sherwood mold abatement, and worked with D14 to support schools and parks.
- • Legislation: Ghost Guns, Human Traffic Prevention Committee, Olney Days and Special Event Permitting
- • Public Safety: Supported recruitment efforts and offered to provide GOCA with a presentation on Drone as First Responder Program
- • Questions from members on budgets and extended conversation on schools.

Committee Reports

Public Safety and Governance Committee - Thomas Canavan, Chair

- Thomas reported that we held a successful June edition of the Olney Community Run and Walk and welcomed our special guest participant, Debbie Ellinghaus, Executive Director of the Olney Theater Center. We will continue to invite guests to future events to support local organizations.
- Thomas also attended the first of four Infrastructure Funding Workgroup Listening Sessions at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown. The listening session focused on identifying options to better fund infrastructure needs throughout the County, including schools, transportation, parks, and other capital projects.
- Councilmember Balcombe was present and participated in portions of the discussion.
- The Workgroup is gathering community feedback that will be incorporated into recommendations presented to the Montgomery County Council.

Transportation Committee - Thomas Canavan for Mindy Badin, Chair:

- Mindy couldn't be there due to the celebration of the passage of the "Stop Super Speeders" bill, which, for drivers at risk of having their licenses suspended or revoked for continued dangerous speeding, would require technology in their vehicles to prevent them from exceeding the speed limit.
- Thomas also reminded everyone that the Red line will be closed between the North Bethesda Station (formerly White Flint) and Friendship Heights from July 6 through September 7.

Old Business:

Matt Q reported on the County Executive Forum and Helene Rosenheim's efforts to support residents working on the Pulte housing development on the Olney Golf Park property on Georgia Avenue..

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 pm

Submitted by Helene Rosenheim Recording Secretary