

June 9, 2026, GCCA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dan Wilhelm, Marguerite Raaen, Mark Pankow, Pat Corey, Peter Myo-Kim, Ed Weiler Ron Leung, P Solo, Ayanna King

April and May Minutes: were accepted.

April and May Treasurer's Report: Mark gave a recap of the year as of the first of June. The GCCA checking account balance is \$3,825.36, and the Notley Road fund had raised over \$58,000 with a current balance of \$805 after a recent payment of \$7,500. Kyle was in the process of making another appeal for additional funds to cover two more payments to our attorney to wrap up with her final cross examination and issuing of a final report. Mark also made up a projected budget for this fiscal year (May 2026 to May 2027). He projected funding another post card at a cost of \$2,800 versus mailing the Clarion with an estimated cost of \$4,800 for the year. A few other donations have been received that are not applied yet, but this still leaves a shortfall of almost \$1,000. Dan will ask Marguerite to send out a request for donations.

GCCA Business: Marguerite asked Dan for a draft to go out for donations for funding both the Notley Road and GCCA business account. She also asked both Mark and Pat to provide our finalized minutes and treasures report to our webmaster, Stephen, to be posted on our website. She also noted that with the discovery of an errant PayPal payment going to the wrong location an old version of our website was still active and was subsequently taken down. Further review was also done to cleanup any old and inaccurate information.

Notley Road: The final wrap up with the Hearing Examiner is taking place with our attorney issuing a report to her. It is expected that the Hearing Examiner will provide the County Council her report at the end of July or early August for the Council to take up their vote in September.

East County Citizens Advisory Board: The Director of the Board of Elections for Montgomery County came to discuss preparations for the election particularly regarding the mail-in ballot processing after the state reissued 500,000-600,000 new ballots to voters of all parties. The discussion included explanation of the ballot counting process, cross checks for voter eligibility and the option for provisional voting.

Peter also asked for the representatives of DHCA housing inspectors and permitting services to be invited to a future meeting to clarify their different functions, using for example a case where a restaurant was operating illegally out of a parked school bus in a residential area. This involved all three DHCA functions. A code violation for running a non-permissible business in a residential zone; the housing unit finding violations with items on the property; and the health inspectors finding additional code violations.

Safety: Ed worked with Chris Wilhelm of Kristin Mink's office on two condemned trees on Broad Branch Road from which limbs had fallen and blocked the road. The arborists have been contacted for their removal, the streets have been marked for no parking, but the trees have not yet been taken down.

A son is being extradited from North Carolina after he was apprehended for the murder of his mother in Briggs Chaney.

In Ed's neighborhood a resident was attempting to extinguish a house fire with a garden hose before neighbors called the fire department. It was determined that the house is in foreclosure. The fire may have been intentionally set.

Ed also noted that with the frequency of fire department responses, they are doing inspection of fire lanes and parking issues.

There was an update on the fatal accident on Fairland with the reconstructionist determining that the victim was not in the cross walk and crossed against the light when she was struck by the two vehicles.

On-Going Business: Viva White Oak is submitting their package to the Council for their funding approval by the end of July to start building the infrastructure.

Montgomery College brought the consulting firm doing the design to the ECCAB meeting last month to get input from the board and residents. The state requires them to select two sites and then submit it to the College Board which will decide which site to select and make their recommendation to the state.

A discussion followed on the status of the Sears property, seeking clarification of how the state is forcing an agreement with BF Saul and the other entities to determine the property's value. It is not yet using eminent domain. The state has threatened to take the property from all three entities with legal claims, including the entity with a 99-year lease, and the land is contiguous with the land under the store and former auto repair area. A third party holds an option that the entities are unwilling to deal with, and the state's plan is to either force an agreement or set up a panel to determine a price for the property.

Submitted by Pat Corey.