

Greater Colesville Citizens Association

Board Minutes for April 13, 2021

Upcoming Meetings

April 19 PHED: White Flint Discussion
April 22: PHED WOSG CIP
April 23: Clarion Articles due
May 5: ECCAB, 7:00
May 11: GCCA
May 18: GCCA annual meeting (proposed)

Attendees (ZOOM): Ben Eng, Bob Peters, Dave Michaels, Ed Weiler, Marge Currie, Marguerite Raen, Mark Pankow, Peter Khin, Sharon Brown, Dan Wilhelm, Heather Felts

7:30 Call to Order and Introductions: Dan Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:30. All participants introduced themselves

7:32 Approval of Feb and March meeting; The minutes for both months with Dan Wilhelm's comments were accepted without objection

7:34 Treasurer's Report was accepted

7:35 Annual meeting date and topic. (proposed topics: Thrive Montgomery 2050, state and county police reform, or other) - May 18 is acceptable to the group subject to be acceptable with the speaker. The group agreed with Thrive Montgomery as one topic but also wanted someone from the Executive's office to talk about their push for biotech development and education center in White Flint rather than in our area per the White Oak Gateway Master Plan. Dan pointed out that this second subject is being discussed at the same time as this meeting at a Friends of White Oak meeting and he wanted to see what come out of that one. Dan will pursue.

7:45 Community Issues and Report from neighboring associations/ECCAB – no news

7:50 Safety Report - Ed Weiler reported that District 3 commander was promoted to Deputy Chief and was replaced by acting commander David Mcbian. Ed indicated that 3rd and 4th district funding had been reduced (actually that is a proposal from the Executive to the Council). Several carjackings had been solved. Auto theft and robberies from unlocked cars was up including 8 carjackings. There is a proposal that SROs will no longer be permanently in schools, but can be called by the principle. Schools have their own permanent security staff, separate from police department. { GCCA is in both District 3 and 4 }

7:55 On-going business & updates

- Hillandale Road Improvements – We are waiting for the DOT hearing officer to issue a report. Dan had also requested the initial consultants report under the Freedom of Information but has yet to receive it.
- US29 Reliability work program (starts fall 2021) – Corridor advisory Committee will start in the fall and consider the median alternative. The Council rejected the managed lane alternative.
- Viva White Oak: no news
- Medical center: no news since the last Clarion

- White Oak Town Center – New plan presented for office and retail that would replace the abandoned building at the corner of Industrial Parkway/US29.
- Briggs Cheney Master Plan - Planning Department starting to develop a new master plan that covers the existing non-residential and multifamily housing along US29 from north of Briggs Cheney Rd to Tech Road. This abuts to GCCA.
- Post Office Issues – nothing new
- Complete Streets – nothing new
- General Plan (Thrive) – Planning Board approved going to county council. Work sessions may start in summer.
- Climate Plan Review – no new information
- Discussion of retention pond in the development under construction on E. Randolph Rd by Ed's HOA development (between Partridge Dr and Burkhart St).
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8:10 New Business and discussion – GCCA will continue to use Dave Michael's ZOOM subscription and pay a share of the \$149/year fee.

Heather Phelps was voted in as the third Area 25 representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Bob Peters