

## Greater Colesville Civic Association Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom. In attendance: Dan Wilhelm, Bob Peters, Evelyn Soler-Hamilton, Heather Phelps, Barbra Buchanan, Peter Myo Khin, Ben Eng, Dr. Idong Essiet-Gibson, Bill Backof and Ed Weiler. Graig Grunewald also attended as a guest, who lives on Colesville Manor Dr.

Minutes of last meeting were unavailable so acceptance of the minutes delayed until next meeting

Marguerite's husband had a heart attack; she was not at the meeting. Dan had asked her to chair the meeting since he had COVID that acted like a bad cold. Since she couldn't attend, Dan chaired the meeting but tried to minimize talking. Pat Corey also was unable to attend because he had the flu.

Treasurer's report: Money was refunded to two advertisers as Clarion is not being mailed after this issue and there will no longer be any ads. The Treasure's report was accepted.

Craig Grunewald raised the issue a contiguous bicycle path along the ICC, as had been proposed before it had been built. The state had built sections. Neither the County nor state are doing any work to connect segments. It was suggested to work from the top down within DOT rather than from the bottom up and to contact the District 14 delegation to Annapolis. The next day, Dan provided more information on this subject. The County Bicycle Plan does not show a continuous connect either. The county is funding improvements is what is designed as bike priority areas. These are in select Central Business Districts, not along the ICC. The state also has priority areas, somewhat similar to the county. The County priorities for state transportation projects also doesn't bikeways along the ICC.

The May annual meeting, previously scheduled for May 24 was changed to May 25. GCCA will buy some cookies, snacks and soda. Concern was expressed about eating in a covid environment. We will need 15 minutes before to set-up for the meeting.

Communications Committee: The GCCA is working to make an updated web page. Pat is getting his son to help. Dan did a first draft of the content organization.

Eleven acres of land at Old Columbia Rd and East Randolph Rd has been sold by Washington Adventist to build 114 townhouse units, 54 senior affordable housing units and a small food store. Tax exempt bonds will be issued to finance the project. There is concern about the additional traffic but the traffic study done doesn't support that.

There is a new senior center planned for Burtonsville on east side of route 29. There is a traffic safety concern at the busy intersection.

Ed Weiler provided the safety report. He indicated there was an incidents

- A customer produced a knife and forced cash register open at McDonalds at Randolph and New Hampshire Ave during lunch-time. The staff retreated into the kitchen. There were no injuries.

- There was a hit and run auto/pedestrian accident on Columbia Pike. Police identified the type of car from debris and were able to identify the driver. It is not known who had the right-of-way.
- An individual has been breaking into several sheds and stealing tools. This has occurred between 11 PM and 6 AM,

The County Council is trying to hire a consultant to address racial issues and equity issues in the Thrive Plan. Because of the short fuse they were trying to select a county contractor but no one bid. Without a quick selection and investigation, it appears that changes will not be available in July/September when the council wanted it.

Montgomery County is giving away brand new lap top computers for educational uses. The web site for this is [MongomeryCountymd.gov/computers](http://MongomeryCountymd.gov/computers). An appointment is required. The lap top must be used for education.

There have been several accidents at East Shaw and New Hampshire. There will be some new signs, but no new traffic light.

Going North on Rt 29, the BRT and transit buses swing from the shoulder into the road where the shoulder narrows. This creates a dangerous situation. The government is still deciding how to run the BRT busses. There was an accident also and because there was no shoulder there, the police could not get through creating a potentially dangerous situation.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 PM

Submitted by Bob Peters