

Greater Colesville Citizens Association

Draft Minutes for Sept 14, 2021

Attendance: Dan Wilhelm, Robert Peters, Heather Phelps, Noel Gregos, Deborah Kleinberg, Ed Weiler, and Sharon Brown

Preliminary:

- Meeting was called to Order at 7:30
- The July meeting minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted

Community Issues and Report from neighboring associations

Deborah reported that there was a very noisy party of 50 or so participants that went late into the night. This has happened before. Ed recommended contacting the District 4 Community Relations Officer. It was also suggested she contact Nancy Navarro. There are no noise restrictions until 11 PM, then there are noise limitations. It was also pointed out that if money is being collected, then it is a commercial enterprise which is not allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Safety Report- There was one murder in Burtonsville. A motorcycle was struck by a car on Rt. 29. Two juveniles, 17 years old, were arrested on Wagner Ave. in downtown Silver Spring.

On-going business & updates

- Thrive – The draft plan before the council is proposing to effectively bypass the normal rezoning process by using a zoning text amendment (ZTA) rather than as part of the Master Plan update. Most active citizens across the county are opposed to this.
- Attainable Housing – Planning Board is working on a proposal including a ZTA to allow higher density housing by allowing duplexes and triplexes in R90 and R200 zones like we have in Colesville. This would apply to existing homes or it could be applied for units to be newly built units.
- Ride On study underway to improve service.
- The desire for more restaurants and shops in the east county was expressed. Favorable comments about the new Mexican restaurant were made and it was noted that it has been very busy.
- White Oak medical center was limited in the number of beds it could have to 170 but is now in the 180-200 on any given day.

New Business

- Clarion articles due 9/29
- Redistricting. Census data is expected in the middle of September that the Redistricting Commission can use to add two new council districts and redraw boundaries for all 7 district seats. The Commission must provide the council with a recommendation in early November but first they will have multiple public meetings and a hearing.
- White Oak Apartments. There is a rezoning of the property at 2220 Broadburch Dr to allow residential to be built where the commercial building exists. Dan supports the rezoning but not a proposal for a new public road that is not in the Master Plan. No one objected to Dan expressing this view before the hearing examiner.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Bob Peters.