

March 10, 2026, GCCA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dan Wilhelm, Marguerite Raaen, Mark Pankow, Ed Weiler, Pat Corey, Ben Eng, Ayanna King, Marge Currie, P. Solo, William Olson

March Minutes: The February monthly minutes were approved with the correction of Wooten High School and not Wheaton.

March Treasurer's Report: Mark Pankow reported our current GCCA balance is \$4,458.08, but he forgot he paid \$28 for the domain name website renewal. He also stated that the Notley Road Funds had a balance of \$7,623.09. He stated that Kyle was putting out another appeal for funds. He said that the March 16 OZHA meeting will use up most of the balance. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Notley Road Rezoning. The Notley Road Development Projects third day hearing has been rescheduled for March 16. Dan fully expects that with more public comments before our testimony starts, at least one more day will be required.

GCCA Business: The annual GCCA meeting is scheduled for May 19, and a postcard will be mailed out directing everyone to the website where the Clarion resides. Dan sent out an example of the printed message for the Board's review. Postcard costs are based on size, and they need to get to the US Mail by May 1 to be mailed out early in May. The postcards will be mailed to 3,500 residents.

Marguerite said that we have about 600 email addresses. New members need to join Facebook and can then send their email to the GCCA Gmail account. Marguerite will send Dan the URL that can be used for any payment. William Olson asked about GCCA, stating that he was sitting in for Deb Gronsky, president of Stonegate Citizens Association. He was informed about the GCCA history and informed of our annual meeting.

Several water and sewer line repairs are taking place on Fairdale and Cannon Roads. 6-inch water lines are being replaced with 8-inch water lines by WSSC contractors. Dan related that a recent gas line explosion occurred at Cherry Hill and Powder Mill Roads while replacing water lines. It effected heating and gas usage for a large area including Riderwood for several days.

East County Citizens Advisory Board. Dan shared insights from the ECCAB meeting highlighting the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Research Institute proposal for new research facilities near Viva White Oak (VWO). Construction on their 160 acres should start next year on several buildings with completion in 2029 or 2030. He also noted the challenges on the Starter and Silver Homes Act. A good deal more work needs to be done on the bill regarding zoning restrictions and any current limitation on water, sewage, roads, and other infrastructure effected when adding more homes.

The update on VWO was that the council approved the TIF financing for \$420 million to start road improvements.

Safety: On February 18, District 4 Command did a third quarter zoom police report on crime, dividing the district up by quarters for an in-depth reporting.

Detectives investigated a stabbing on February 28 that took place on Lockwood Drive in a fight after tires were slashed. The subject look out is for a black 15 to 16-year-old female, a second suspect is also a 15 to 16-year-old a Hispanic female and a third suspect is a black male.

A 69-year-old Silver Spring man died after pedestrian collision on March 1 on Norbeck Road. The driver remained on scene.

A 22-year-old Baltimore man was arrested on February 24 and is charged with 1st degree premeditated murder on February 14 of a resident in the Potomac Living Center.

During a traffic stop near White Marsh, a State Trooper was shot at several times. The arrest was made after the suspect was intercepted by Montgomery County police and marshals in Rockville.

New Business: There is interest in tracking Data Centers in the county, and two bills were introduced by Council member Glass. The first bill to create a task force to look at data centers failed. There is a second bill to create a process to look at how data centers will be reviewed and evaluated by the county because there is such a wide variance by size and location. ECCAB is also interested in tracking data center zoning.

The Montgomery College East County Campus site selection committee is planning a community dialog addressing site selection in the next several weeks.

ECCAB has two committee meetings scheduled for March 11: the Overview of Programs for Supporting Business Startups and Growth, and the Office of County Partnership Services and Resources for the Immigrant Population.

Submitted by Pat Corey.