

GCCA Meeting on June 8, 2012

Attendees: Dan Wilhelm, Pat Corey, Bob Peters, Marguerite Raaen, Ed Weiler, Barbara Buchanan, Sara & Lee Leiung, Dan Geller, Ben Eng, Bill Backoff, Evelyn and Lee Hamilton

Approved May minutes with these corrections: The McDonald's robbery was in downtown Silver Spring near the Metro at 8500 Coleville Road.

Accepted the April Minutes.

Treasurer's Rport. The Treasurer's report had the spreadsheet for the close of fiscal year on May 31. The second spreadsheet is for the beginning of the fiscal year starting June 1, 2022 year. Noted recent increases in donations of membership dues with notice in the last Clarion.

Dan noted he did a rough budget based on previous years and with the expectation that totaling the dues will decrease as the year goes on and expenses will be substantially less because there will not be any expenses for the Clarion. The only expense are for the sign insurance, some small internet and other fees, the PO Box, and rental of our space for the 12 or 13 meetings. We will discuss the proposed budget at the July meeting.

We estimate that we have gone from about 200 email addresses to somewhere near 500 with the announcement in the Clarion.

Community Issues: Two homes were purchased, one on Lockley Lane and one on Beaumont near Westover Elementary School. It appears that the buyers may have misrepresented living in them and are advertising them for use on Airbnb and possible other sites. This has created safety issues with excessive traffic, bright lights and noise issues until very late in the early morning hours. The police have been notified, but seem to be somewhat reluctant to interfere.

It also appears that no one lives in property and there isn't any contact information with the owner or property manager. Airbnb has not been contacted to report that their rules are being enforced with either property regarding them being used for large parties. During the discussions advice was provided to contact the District 4 Community Relations Officer to report the issue and follow up with the County Housing and Community Affairs Office filing a complaint and advising them that the police have also been notified. A contact was provided to get in touch with Nancy Navarro. Dan was going to look into the issue for current county rules.

There was another incident with cars from a party blocking both Broadmore Rd and Tamarack Rd. No one was sure of what the event was. Traffic could go only one direction for such a long

distance that cars could not pass so the road became blocked. This created safety problems as well.

Safety Issues: Arrest was made related to McDonald's robbery in Silver Spring.

A new civilian position was created to advise on safety and community issues called an Assistant Chief. That person was arrested for breaking protocol by ordering lights and sirens to be used because he was late for a conference in Delaware. In another incident a senior citizen in the District had a heart attack and he went to assist ordering the EMT to allow him to take over the emergency even though he was not certified or trained. That citizen did not survive. He was subsequently suspended. His driver relayed this information to the news media.

On-going Business:

- A consultant was hired to review the housing policy in the 2050 Thrive Plan to address racial housing approaches and the controversy with its approach to the current housing shortage with recommendation for creating duplex and triplex homes out of current single- family houses. This would be done without making zoning changes to current neighborhoods.
- Progress on the Hillandale road improvement has not been resolved.
- Demolition of Holly Hall has taken place to make way for Hillandale Gateway.
- . Viva White Oak will be discussed in meeting soon and is key to Eastern County future.
- White Oak Town Center at Industrial Parkway has permits and construction will start soon.
- White Oak Apartments is still in planning.
- The US 29 Flash: Third round design is underway. Three alternatives have been developed and the best of those alternatives will be used to create a fourth.
- New Hampshire BRT is collecting information about existing conditions but the CAC disagreed with the results especially y near the south of the Beltway (more congestion than found) . Termination is being evaluated at Sligo Creek, Eastern Ave, and Fort Totten. CAC recommended Fort Totten.
- A Ride-On bus study is still in early stages.
- Briggs Chaney Master Plan still collecting information.
- Montgomery College Eastern Campus has been budgeted for starting staffing and getting temporary site. And, then needs to pick permanent site
- Giant is moving from Calvert to Cherry Hill Orchard Way Shopping Centerwith schedule unknown.
- Adventist Hospital is expanding with more parking and a three story doctor's offices. The hospital was limited in size by the state for too few beds and is now trying to

remedy the situation as best it can. Rehab has moved in and the cancer facility is also full. Discussion of local county hospitals took place concerning usage and distances traveled as well as patient care and one-of-a-kind procedures.

Marguerite said that 113 people have sent in email addresses with 60 more joining Facebook. She is also adding membership info on Nextdoor and news items from the county and other sources are added to Facebook page.