

GPCA General Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2008

Bruce Mezger was the meeting chair in the absence of Ralph Wright. The meeting began at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Old Business

The secretary summarized the prior meeting. The meeting was primarily about zoning and there were various presentations from developers, homeowners, Baltimore County and attorneys. The summary of the minutes was accepted.

The treasurer distributed the finance report. The ending balance in the general fund was \$3960.37 and in the legal fund was \$3226.54. The report was accepted.

New Business

Carol Link gave a presentation about the community clean up on April 5. She stated that volunteers are needed for the clean up. There will be about six dumpsters available for GPCA use. Job Corps has volunteered to help with the clean up. Jesus House Baltimore is not on the mailing list and may not be aware of the cleanup. Volunteers are recommended to bring their own heavy-duty gloves.

The Refreshment committee needs volunteers to bring dessert refreshments for the general meetings in April and May. Usually two people bring dessert.

Ideas for GPCA general meeting programs were solicited.

Anne Libis gave highlights of her visit to the reception in Annapolis on February 18.

Work on the Dogwood Road bridge over Ben's Run will probably be no sooner than Spring 2009. The smaller bridge to the east along Dogwood which crosses Dogwood Run will not begin until completion of the Ben's Run bridge. Work on that bridge will probably be delayed until 2010.

The next business discussed was the Zoning meeting on March 13. There was a general question posed about the zoning process. Bruce capsulated the information in the interest of time. He explained the differences between RC2 and RC6.

Other questions posed included:

What is upzoning? *It is increasing the density of housing development.*

Do the different projects have different criteria for approval? *No, they are all consistent.*

Does Ken Oliver have a position on the zoning issues? *His position is as recommended by his constituency.*

What is Dave Green's role? *He is more of a facilitator/implementer.*

Is there value in the board's just fighting the larger developments? *The board must stay neutral and not support any upzoning.*

Is there any information on why churches are upzoning? *They are upzoning to enhance the value of their property.*

Does anyone remember how much effort was put into creating the RC6 designation? *The county should partner with GPCA. The county initiated the RC6 designation and GPCA is enforcing it.*

How many people will be speaking at the March 13 meeting? *About eight.*

Paul Dorsey read part of the vision statement of GPCA.

Eric Hite stated that he did not feel that he had proper guidance for his zoning decisions.

A motion was made and seconded to oppose all upzoning of RC2 designations.

Staff recommendations regarding zoning probably won't go out until after the planning hearing on March 13.

Cathy Wolfson presented a sign as an example of those that could be produced and purchased by GPCA for placement on community lawns.

The sign read:

'Councilman Oliver, say NO to Upzoning 410-887-(last numbers unknown)' 25-50 signs could be purchased for \$11.15 apiece, 51-75 would cost \$6.85 apiece. It was suggested to send out an email and ask everyone to call Councilman Oliver's office and 'say NO to upzoning'.

There are approximately 600 acres in the GPCA area that can be upzoned.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.