

Greater Patapsco Community Association
General Meeting
September 14, 2009

The meeting was held at the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, 21133 and opened by President, Ralph Wright at 7:30 pm.

Secretary Cathy Wolfson read the general meeting minutes from June 2009. The minutes were accepted as read.

There were over 30 members and guests in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Marty Kelley

Balance as of	June 8, 2009	\$	5,891.06
Income			710.00
Disbursements			(662.77)
Ending Balance as of		\$	<u>5,938.29</u>
Savings account CD		\$	10,000.00

Financial Report was unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph summarized the following issues discussed at the June 15th GPCA board meeting:

1. Discussions with representatives from a company which will digitalize GPCA's records, to eliminate need to store hard copies.
2. Examining the pros and cons of mailing the newsletter versus emailing.
3. Restoring Life's second hearing which has not been scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Community picnic – The date will be determined at the Sept. 21st board meeting.

Ralph acknowledged the service of former GPCA presidents Claude and Anne Libis who moved from our membership borders in August to their new home in Glen Arm, MD.

Dick Stansfield noted that the LaFarge quarry on Marriotsville Road has closed.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ralph introduced Baltimore County 4th district Councilman, Ken Oliver who gave an update of activities occurring in our community:

- Farmers' Market - Wednesday, September 16th will be the last day of the season for the market which is held in the Community Center parking lot.
- Walmart – MD Dept. of Environment has granted permission for the owner to perform the required clean up of the toxic chemicals dumped at the site by a previous tenant. Once that is complete, Walmart is expected to develop the site.
- Former location of Giant Food on Offutt Road – Baltimore County is scheduled to locate a Work Force Development Office there and a satellite campus of Baltimore County Community College (BCCC). The satellite campus will be convenient for local high school students who are eligible to complete college course work prior to graduation.
- The Interstate 695 bridge over Liberty Road is scheduled to be replaced in 2010.
- Baltimore County has not scheduled any layoffs or furloughs due to its "pay as you go" fiscal strategy.

Councilman Oliver acknowledged the community's concern regarding traffic at Old Court and Windsor Mill Road. A traffic study by Baltimore County Public Works personnel and in a letter from its director, Ed Adams, Jr., it was determined that current traffic control configurations are appropriate but will be enhanced by a "STOP AHEAD" pavement marking on the westbound Windsor Mill Rd. approach to Old Court Rd. The intersection does not meet federal signal warrants and it was concluded that a four way stop at the intersection would cause a "general breakdown of operations."

Ralph then introduced Officer McAuley of Baltimore County Police's Woodlawn Precinct Community Outreach Team, who addressed reports of excessive speeding on Granite Road. Throughout the summer traffic officers have been posted on the road in the northbound deceleration lane to the community on Planted Garden Court. This location was selected because it affords safe, offroad space for the officer and those cars which are ticketed. She cited this limitation to explain why no speed traps were posted along Granite road closer to Marriottsville Road where the densest development exists. She also noted that there are only three full time traffic officers assigned to the Woodlawn precinct.

Officer McAuley also advised that residential storage sheds continue to be a prime target of burglary in our area. She recommended that personal property be engraved with the owner's driver's license numbers, not names or Social Security numbers to aid the police in returning stolen items. She promoted the crime prevention program, "Operation ID" in which Officer McAuley will personally come to a participant's home and conduct a home security survey and suggest ways to make your home and your possessions more secure. Officer McAuley may be reached at 410-887-4714 to set up an appointment.

TOUR

Councilman Oliver led a tour of the facility which opened in May of this year. In addition to the spacious meeting room we occupied there is a second similarly sized tech center/computer room. These rooms share a hallway which connect the YMCA managed 6 lane indoor swimming pool to the gymnasium, which houses four basketball and two volleyball courts as well as a four lane indoor track. The center also features a 300 seat performance hall / dance studio space. Councilman Oliver answered questions from the group and we returned to the meeting room.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and accepted. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.