

**Greater Patapsco Community Association  
General Meeting  
January 12, 2009**

The meeting was opened by President Ralph Wright at 7:40pm.

Cathy Wolfson recorded the minutes in the absence of Secretary, Elaine Rasheed and read the November 17, 2008 general meeting minutes per the President's request. Ralph asked if there were any objections to recording the meeting to facilitate transcription of the minutes. Hearing none, the meeting was recorded.

Treasurer Marty Kelley requested that the minutes be amended to correct the beginning balance in the treasury as of Nov.10, 2008 to \$4,347.58. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance Nov. 10, 2008	\$4,347.58
Income	631.00
Disbursements	1,026.05
Ending Balance Jan. 12, 2009	<u>\$3,962.53</u>

Balance in Savings \$5,527.92

Financial Report was unanimously approved

**New Business**

Ralph proposed the following slate of officers and board members:

President – Ralph Wright  
Vice President – Bruce Mezger  
Treasurer – Marty Kelley  
Secretary – Cathy Wolfson

Clarence Harrell – Board Member  
Curtis Collins – Board Member  
Elaine Rasheed – Board Member

There were no nominations from the floor. Paul Dorsey motioned to vote for the slate of officers as presented, Dr. Ramsey seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those in attendance. Clarence Harrell, Curtis Collins and Elaine Rasheed will serve as board members. Ralph extended the membership's appreciation for the service to the community provided by retiring

board member, Dr. Harold Ramsey and to Elaine Rasheed for serving as Secretary in 2008.

**Ralph gave a the following review of the discussion at the Dec. 15 board meeting:**

1. \$25 gift certificates were distributed to 13 students at Woodstock Job Corps in recognition to their sign cant contributions to the success of the annual Holiday program hosted by them at Abe's Place on that campus.
2. Elaine and Gerald Rasheed continue to work on the website which should include crime statistics and information from the *Angel Crier* a publication which is a collaboration between the Baltimore County Police Dept. and other community associations detailing crimes committed within the Woodlawn precinct.
3. Cathy agreed to chair membership committee
4. Tar on cars driven on Old Court Road resulting from misapplication by contractor this fall.
5. Reported incidence of dumping of deer carcasses on Wrights Mill Road. This has been reported to the appropriate agency in Baltimore County.
6. Bruce advised that there is a proposal to build senior housing on Windsor Mill Road. More to follow.

**Claude Libis gave the following reports:**

**WOODSTOCK JOB CORPS CENTER FIRE**

On January 7, 2009 a fire occurred in lowest level of Administration building and was electrical in nature. It knocked out the communications system at the facility. Tammi Bush, Business and Community Liaison who replaced Ed Roberts in December reported that the system was expected to be down for two weeks. Claude extended the assistance of GPCA if needed.

Further news from Job Corps is that current Director, 'Rodney Butler has been promoted to a regional management position with contractor Adams and Associates. His successor is Tanisha Nixon.

**NIKE BASE UPDATE:**

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has completed an extensive 20 year study of the site which Claude has carefully reviewed and stated the following conclusions:

There is contamination 5+ feet below surface. The prime source is three 2500 gallon fuel oil tanks. Other contaminants are asbestos, piping and electrical wire. The report concludes that there is no danger to the community in its present use, which the USACE describes as "trespassers and visitors". If ground were to be disturbed by activities such as development it would require provision of full details of government discovery to purchaser. On western side of site an increased occurrence of carcinogens were found. 2 test wells are on site @200 feet deep and are being monitored for pollution. These wells are dedicated to testing and are not intended for use as a drinking source. The report states that there is no danger to any existing wells within a specific radius of the site which extends as far as St. Alphonsus Church at Old Court and Davis Ave. The report lists these wells, and data includes well depths.

Further, so long as land is undisturbed the Maryland Dept. of Environment has accepted the USACE findings.

### **GRANITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – CHERRY HILL CEMETARY**

Paul Dorsey announced that Louis Diggs, Historian, will speak on the topic of the Cherry Hill Cemetery on Offutt Road at the Granite Historical Society meeting on February 17 at 7:30. The meeting will be held in the Granite Presbyterian Church. He welcomed all to attend and will post

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND 2009 GOALS**

Ralph asked for suggestions for speakers for upcoming general meetings citing the ongoing effort to increase attendance. He noted strong attendance at the Holiday gathering where guests stated they had been reminded to attend by email. This could be an effective way to remind members of general meetings. He suggested that we may consider hosting speakers every other month to allow more time for members to discuss issues and community concerns.

Debra Baker, member and personal fitness trainer offered to provide an informational program to members regarding their health and the importance of fitness and nutrition. Mrs. Baker may be reached at [www.debrabakerfitness.com](http://www.debrabakerfitness.com) or 410-922-2098.

Mr. Baker suggested a speaker to address the effect of the BRACC plan on local infrastructure and the impact on already congested highways and local roads.

Bonnie Kahler suggested Rob Dyke, Patapsco State Park as speaker given the length of our border with the park.

Ralph asked for proposals for goals for 2009.

Claude asked that the Nike Base issue be closed after it is determined if the site is or is not going to be turned over to the State of MD.

Cathy suggested that a deadline be placed on development of website. She promoted development of a blog as opposed to a formal website to promote dialog among community members. The site could also be used to post notices and items of community interest. Concern was expressed that providing an online forum could result in decreased attendance.

Dr. Ramsey proposed posting an article in the newsletter to canvas the membership for suggestions for GPCA goals and issues in the coming year.

Ralph asked for further comments. Hearing none a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.