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**Boyds Civic Association**

**October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** BCA President Dan Seamans called the Boyds Civic Association (BCA) to order on October 20, 2022 at 7:37 pm. Twelve (12) people were present.

**Minutes** (Maggie Bartlett)**:** Minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting were approved with one correction.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Elena Shuvalov): Treasurer’s report was reviewed and approved: Funds total $13,245.14

**ANNOUNCMENTS**

**Nominating Committee**: Chris Arndt will chair the committee for the January 2023 elections.

**Audit Committee:** Cheryl Imperatore will chair the committee and report at January meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**∙ Boyds Historical Society:**

- Received a grant to replace the HVAC system at the Boyds Negro School (BNS).

- November 5: Germantown Flea Market (donations accepted at October open house at BNS).

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**∙ Boyds Transit Center:**

* Proposed 70% design plan included an estimated water use of 690 gallons per day, of which the bus drivers required 22 gallons per day. Revisions include only needing 380 gallons/day.

**MOTION:** “BCA will send a letter to request a review of the current design plan before the MCDOT presents the plan to the Montgomery County Council for approval.” Motion passed unanimously.

**∙ Bucklodge Industrial Plan:**

* BCA members were concerned about the screening of the trucks and buildings, the light pollution, and the water runoff.
* The county had zoned it from light industrial to intermediate category some time ago.
* The entrance will be a public road with a private road within the lots.
* Letter by Miriam Schoenbaum and the response of the county’s planning office will be posted on the BCA website.
* David McKee represents the Bucklodge LLC property owners of the five lots, four of which will have septic.
* Next steps unknown.

**∙ Boyds Road Repaving:** BCA sent an inquiry; no response yet.

**∙ Boyds 150-Year Celebration:** In 2023, Boyds will celebrate the completion of the Metropolitan Line. Activities may include a train ride with stops along the way, including the Boyds Station. Our ideas include possibly a T-shirt, bumper stickers, and invitation of county council and officials to visit the station. Boyds might have a potluck picnic. More discussion in January.

**∙ Boyds Traffic Lights:** Some discussion as to if the lights should blink during slow traffic times during the day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**∙ Thrive Montgomery 2050** (Del Laminan): One aspect of this plan is that home owners could not oppose a developer from taking a single-family house and building multi-use houses on the lot. Due to the Mission of the BCA to rule “on the character of Boyds.” The Thrive Montgomery 2050 involves the whole county. So, the BCA did not voice an opinion on the county wide plan and did not sign onto the letter written by the Montgomery Countryside Alliance asking the County Council to postpone their vote.

**MOTION**: “BCA would send a letter to the County Council to postpone the vote until the new council was in place.” Motion passed with six (6) yes and one (1) opposed.

**∙ Edward U. Taylor School:** This school was the only Black school to integrate White students. The Boyds Historical Society supports that the building be added as a National Register of Historic Buildings.

**MOTION**: “BCA will send a letter supporting the designation of the Edward U. Taylor School as an historic building.” Motion was passed unanimously.

**Next BCA meeting:** January 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm. **Motion to adjourn was passed.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Maggie Bartlett, secretary of Boyds Civic Association*