

Boyds Civic Association
October 15, 2009
Minutes

President Merritt Ednie called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and welcomed Kristin Milton of The Gazette. Also, Melissa Foster was present to sign her new book, Megan's Way. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented. Merritt said the post office had noticed that we are not really a non-profit. That means we have to pay for postage. So Merritt sent notices to fewer people this time. We need to take attendance so that we don't miss people here with the next mailing. The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. We have \$19,595.16 in our account.

Merritt appointed Anne Davies, chair, and Arthur Virts and Cheryl Imperatore to the Nominating Committee. Officers are to be elected at the January meeting.

County Council member Mike Knapp addressed the meeting, mainly about the Clarksburg Master Plan. There are several triggers for reviewing the Master Plan, one of which is water quality, which has deteriorated. Environmental Protection said to open the Master Plan, but some people want to look at options first. Knapp wants to have a Water Quality Working Group, now through February/March, to develop options as to the best way to maintain the highest water quality. The Council has accepted his proposal. In addition, new state requirements for storm water management go into effect on May 1.

The Global Mission Church proposal to build a large new facility in Frederick County, with access off Peach Tree Road at I 270, has been denied by the Frederick Planning Commission. The church may appeal.

The County Council is beginning to look at land use issues. They cannot be expected to take decisions after June 2010 because it is an election year.

The Boyds Historical Society has had an intern who helped get all the documents in order. They hope to get them digitized. The Society is holding an open house at the school the last Sunday of each month. On the first Saturday of each month, from April through November, they are joining with Germantown in the flea market at the Germantown train station.

Hilltop Farm, whose request for subdivision was denied by the Planning Board, subsequently sued and won. Now that decision is being appealed and Alan Noble has filed a pro bono brief in support of the original county decision. Alan reports that the

appeal hearing went well, with the judge seeming to understand the issues well. A decision will take up to 6 months.

Ben Ross spoke about the Corridor Cities Transitway. The state is proposing to spend \$4 billion to add toll lanes on I 270 from Shady Grove to Frederick. Ross offered a counter proposal: extend the Red line to Germantown, make MARC from DC to Frederick all day, Shady Grove to Clarksburg light rail, and light rail along 355 from White Flint to Lake Forest Mall. The Action Committee for Transit supports this alternative. It was agreed that BCA should send a letter to MDOT supporting a look at this alternative.

Kathy Hulley spoke about the Cabin Branch development. Toll Brothers plans to build 380 single family homes on the property at 121 and West Old Baltimore Road. Also, there is to be a bus depot at the jail site.

Barnesville Oaks is planned to have 33 lots, two of them large farms, the rest in three clusters on Peach Tree Road. The lots are large enough to have horses.

There is nothing happening on the bridge at White Ground and Schaeffer Road.

Dyzak has completed one building on Barnesville Road for retail and is starting to build offices.

The Sheppard property, across from Chrisman Hill, is 4 acres and will have 4 large houses.

The Zoroastrian Temple property across from the Virts on Barnesville Road has a well now.

The Sherman property on Bucklodge Road, past Moore Road, has 7 lots for sale. Jamison is marketing them.

The lighting of the Boyds Christmas tree will be held on December 4 at 7 pm. Afterwards, Santa Claus will be at the Presbyterian Church.

The next meeting of the BCA will be January 21, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Davies, acting secretary