

**Boyd's Civic Association**  
**April 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

President Merritt Ednie called the Boyd's Civic Association (BCA) to order at 7:35 pm on April 17, 2008. There were 46 people in attendance.

**Minutes** (Maggie Bartlett) from the January meeting were amended and approved. Minutes concerning the Clarksburg meeting were amended: Meeting was held "at" the Ombudsman Office.

**Treasurer's Report** (Steve Gibson) passed: \$21,578.95.

**2008 BCA Meeting Dates:** July 17

- **Introduction:** new BCA officers
  - President: Merritt Ednie
  - Vice President: Jim McDaniel
  - Treasurer: Steve Gibson
  - Secretary: Maggie Bartlett
- **Gaithersburg Gazette's** representative: Megan Tierney
- **BCA By-laws** handed out to attendees

**SPEAKERS**

• **Postmaster Glorius "Glo" Cooper**

The Boyd's post office now has 13 employees delivering mail to 2,940 homes along seven routes. The Cabin Branch area is in the Clarksburg zip code, the Leaman Farm area at Clopper and Schaeffer Roads is still in Boyd's. Even though customers have increased, many people are using the web for their mail services, like buying stamps. In fact, Richter Farm is using these online services. As of May 12, postage goes up to \$.42, so to avoid these rising prices, buy "Forever Stamps."

• **Rob Garagiola (Maryland State Senator)**

As our representative for six years, he has worked on many issues:

- Possible third train rail to accommodate MARC and not compete with the C&O train traffic
- Energy issues (we need to conserve at least 15%):
  - o MD is importing more energy than ever from outside the state.
  - o Rolling brownouts may happen in 3-4 years
  - o MD has joined a consortium with other states to lower carbon monoxide from power plants
  - o Promoted renewable energy: Kohls, Staples and Walmart now use rooftops for solar energy
- Healthcare issues:
  - o CareFirst provided \$5 million to provide Medicare prescriptions (there are 70-90,000 eligible residents)
  - o Uninsured Children's Program will cover 80,000 uninsured MC and 800,000 MD residents
- Ag Reserve
  - o Added signs saying, "Welcome to the Ag Reserve"
  - o Peter Eeg requested that Rob Garagiola try to promote the use of biofuels in the Ag Reserve

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 19, 10:00 am (Linden Farm): Sugarloaf Citizens Association annual meeting

April 26 (Montgomery County Parks): Garlic Mustard Challenge

April 26-27: Earth Day 2008

April 28, 7:30 pm (Germantown Library): "Open Mike" with Councilmember Mike Knapp

April 28 (Ombudsman Office): Clarksburg Civic Association discussion about the effect of development on our wells

May 7, 8:30 am-3:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima): Annual Caregivers Conference

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **Hilltop Farms Unlimited Partnership** (Peter Eeg):

The farm runs along W. Old Baltimore and Slidell and is in the Ag Reserve. The MCPPC voted against the Partnership's proposal for nine Tot Lots and the county has already paid \$900,000 to NOT develop this land and keep it as a farm. By preventing a new subdivision, this land would act as a buffer between future development and the Ag Reserve. A motion was made and passed to "continue BCA opposition to subdivide the property as Tot

Lots and to continue to have Peter Eeg and Alan Noble represent the BCA.” Note: Alan Noble is a lawyer providing pro bono attorney services.

- **Lithicum Farm Proposed as Future Montgomery County Fairgrounds** (Merritt Ednie):  
There is talk that Charlie Lithicum’s 90-acre farm, located east of I-270, might be a possible location for the future fairgrounds. The fairgrounds in Gaithersburg are considered too small and the land too valuable. Attorney Jim Clifford said this would not happen any time soon since the current fairgrounds need to go through the Master Plan process, taking at least 8-15 years. Merritt will be the BCA point person, and possibly invite Jim Clifford to a future meeting.
- **Other Lithicum Farm** (Merritt Ednie):  
The farm located on Rt. 121 and W. Old Baltimore is sited for 150 units and parkland.
- **St. Mark’s Methodist Church** (Betty Hawkins):  
St. Mark’s closed and was merged with the Germantown and Clarksburg Methodist churches. A motion was made and passed for the BCA will write a letter to the Bishop that this could have been handled differently and that the community would have liked to have offered support to St. Mark’s.
- **Cabin Branch Development** (Kathie Hulley)  
The land between Clarksburg Road (Rt. 121), W. Old Baltimore and I-270 is planned to have 2,500 residential homes, housing for 500 active adult residents and possibly a hospital (2,003,000 sq. ft.). The water tower is to be located near the salt domes at Rt. 121 and I-270. On May 17, there will be a Planning Board meeting to approve the Winchester Homes. Improvements to Clarksburg Road (Rt. 121) and I-270 are expected. W. Old Baltimore is expected to close in the fall of 2008 or spring of 2009 for bridge construction over the streambeds. Clarksburg Road will stay as a two-lane road, but will be redirected to straighten. W. Old Baltimore will stay as a two-lane road but improvements will be made to tie in the west extension of New Cut Road. A new I-270 exchange depends on the development of the Comsat property.
- **Miller Home** (Kathie Hulley):  
The Miller Home located on Rt. 121 is to be “taken” by the county for the future development. The BCA will write a letter to require the developer to offer a “fair value” for the home.
- **Ten Mile Creek** (Kathie Hulley):  
Pulte is planning an estimated 800 homes at W. Old Baltimore and Ten Mile Creek, north of W. Old Baltimore and west of Clarksburg Road (Rt. 121).
- **Beechum’s 20 acres** (Kathie Hulley): Legacy Open Space has purchased the land! Great News!
- **Carousel** (Kathie Hulley):  
In 1982, Hailey Wells agreed to move the carousel to a park on Ridge Road when there were enough residents to enjoy it. The carousel is currently located in the Wheaton Regional Park.
- **Elm Street Development** (Merritt Ednie):  
The Leaman Farm, located at Clopper and Schaeffer Farm Roads, will be developed with housing called 2 over 2, with townhouses above townhouses. A motion was made and passed to write a letter indicating the BCA’s concern that the impervious (paved) allowances is too high. Instead of 1,00 sq. ft., these double townhouses will require 2,950 sq. ft. to accommodate the increased number of residents.
- **White Ground Road bridge:** needs renovations with imposed weight limits.
- **Rt. 28 Sign at Clopper:** hope to direct traffic to Rt. 28 to go the left and avoid White Ground Road.
- **Marilyn Praisner’s Husband:** won her seat in council.
- **Local Organic Store:** Niki Lewis is trying to get Mike Rubin’s land certified as “organic” and to get Whole Foods to buy local.
- **Boyd’s Historical Society** (Maggie Bartlett): The BHS is creating a new publication about the many historical sites in the Boyds area. The renovations are the Boyds Negro School are almost complete and we have the Use and Occupancy permit from the county. The BNS is included on the Heritage Days circuit and will be open in the afternoons of June 28-29.
- **New Clarksburg Library** (Kathie Hulley): A new library in Clarksburg is being funded by the developers.
- **Germantown Development** (Kathie Hulley): 14,000 homes are planned but there are no plans for any new schools!

**Next BCA meeting: July 17, 2008**

**Motion to adjourn was passed at 9:30 pm.**