

Boyds Civic Association
July 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Merritt Ednie called the Boyds Civic Association (BCA) to order at 7:40 pm on July 16, 2009. There were about 22 people in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of April 16, 2009 were approved as recorded. (Maggie Bartlett)

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a balance of \$19,795.99. Due to an increase in bulk mailing cost as of May, 2009 and losing "non-profit status," the BCA newsletter and postcard will no longer be mailed, except on occasions as needed. The report was approved as presented. (Steve Gibson).

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES

- **Ten Mile Creek Watershed** (120 acres Whelan Rd. / Rt.: Montgomery County wants this land for a Ride-On Bus depot for 250 buses (drive in at 11 pm and out at 5 am everyday), and 91 pieces of heavy equipment. With an estimated 15% of the property designated for impervious surface area, the Audubon Society is researching to see if this will damage the Ten Mile Creek Watershed. Park and Planning has asked the Council to look for another Ride-On Bud depot location; i.e. a defunct shopping center. (Kathie Hulley)

- **Cabin Branch Development / Summerfield Crossing** (located at W. Old Baltimore / Rt. 121 / I-270): The shopping center filed for bankruptcy. Clarksburg Community Hospital (Shady Grove Adventist) wants to build by the salt domes near the I-270 Clarksburg exit. The next step is to compare the plans of SGA and Holy Cross Hospital. (Kathie Hulley)

- **Boyds Post Office:** Even with the increase use due to the Richter Farm development, the post office will decrease the hours of operation on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. while remaining closed during the lunch hour. Mrs. Chadwick owns the property and leases it to the USPS. The lease is up in 2014. It was suggested that if the post office needs to save money, stop Saturday delivery. (Merritt Ednie)

- **Global Mission Church** (property is located at the I-270 Route 109 exit and on Old One Hundred Road). The GMC in Silver Spring is planning to build a 138,000 sq. ft., 1,066-seating church with a steeple 85 feet tall. Although most of the property is in Frederick County, 3 miles from Sugarloaf Mountain, the access to the proposed church is in Montgomery County. With an estimated need for 5,000 gallons of water per day, there are concerns about people's wells. As many know, the proposed Peach Tree Road golf course was halted because of water concerns. The BCA will investigate to find out what exactly was submitted to Montgomery County and who gave approval. Merritt will contact Mike Rubin of Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Isaiah Leggett's office, County Council members, and the Frederick County Planning Board to express BCA's concerns. A call to action to neighboring civic associations will be made. (Merritt Ednie)

- **Thompson Farm** (439 acres located at W. Old Baltimore / Slidell Rd.): Settlement will soon occur with Legacy Open Space purchasing 96 acres for \$2 million on the north side of W. Old Baltimore. Jamison agreed to donate 76 acres on the south side of W. Old Baltimore. This property connects Bucklodge Forest to Black Hill Regional Park. (Jay Cinque)

- **Boyds Historical Society:** The Boyds Negro School was open for Montgomery County's Heritage Days on June 27-28, 12 noon to 4 pm; the Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of each month, April through November, and the cost per two spaces is \$15. The BHS opens the Boyds Negro School on the last Sunday of

the month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., April through November. Archiving the BHS records has begun with the help of some student interns interested in archiving. (Maggie Bartlett)

- **Hilltop Farms Limited Partnership** (the property is located at Slidell Road and W. Old Baltimore Road) Hilltop Farm's owner wants to claim "Tot Lots" to develop the land even though none of the family won't live there. In so doing, this would disable the Ag Reserve's planning process. Allen Nobel prepared a brief (Appellant vs. Hilltop Farm) and submitted it to the Court of Appeals. Ed Brown will argue the case for Peter Eeg. Anyone interested in donating to the legal fund, contact F.A.R.M (For a Rural Montgomery). The BCA paid for the duplication of the brief. Merritt Ednie will obtain and distributes an electronic copy to interested BCA members. (Peter Eeg / Allen Noble)

- **MARC Trains:** Merritt Ednie is working with MARC to make 10-15 spaces available for parking at the Boyds Presbyterian Church. Sharon Miller continues to make the station beautiful! She mentioned that a Sr. Engineer was looking at sealing the walkway underpass. She told him that it is an historic structure. (Merritt Ednie for Miriam Schoenbaum)

- **Barnesville Oak Farms, LLC:** (the property located off Whites Store and Peachtree Roads, and over to Beallsville Roa). Due to the downturn in the economy, this development of 33 lots on 840 acres is on hold. For more information, visit the websites -- www.ruralmontgomery.org or www.montgomerycountrysidealliance.org (Merritt for Mike Rubin)

- **Hoyles Mill Bridge:** The construction is completed and the bridge is beautiful. The trail runs from White Ground / Hoyles Mill Roads for a 1/2 mi. to the bridge and then another 1/3 mi. to the development in Richter Farm.

- **Dyzak Property** (located on Barnesville Road): Dr. Dyzak plans to rent both the old house and new house for commercial use, and then build his oral surgery office in the back of the two houses.

- **Sheppard Property** (the ten acres located off route 121 and across from Little Sierra Court): The development of four houses is slowly moving forward. The old house was torn down.

- **Zoroastrian Temple** (a five acre lot on Barnesville Road across from Arthur Virts house): There was no new information regarding the owner's plans.

- **I-270 Corridor:** There are current discussions about what type of transit (rapid bus or the Corridor Cities Transit light rail) should connect Shady Grove Metro station to Clarksburg. There are concerns that any type of transit does not meet the needs of the community, if it only ends at Comsat. (Kathie Hulley)

NEW BUSINESS

- **Cider Barrel:** The County Council recommended moving the Cider Barrel because of the lack of parking, however, the community feels that the parking lot above it is fine. (Kathie Hulley)

- **Water's House History Center:** The Second Annual Visual Art Exhibition of the Art League of Germantown presents a new exhibit, "Historical Montgomery County." It opens July 11 and runs though September 19. A reception will be held 1:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, July 18 and is free or charge. The Water's House is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and by appointment. (Carol Purcell)

• **Olivier de Messier** passed away on July 12, and is survived by his wife Susan and four children. Olivier had a doctorate in urban planning, and worked in hospitals in Haiti and Africa. He was instrumental in the fight against the quarry in Boyds and the incinerator plant, and a strong advocate for recycling. The Boyds community sends their thoughts and prayers to Olivier's family. We are grateful and recognize his efforts to make Boyds a better community.

The next BCA meeting is **October 15, 2009 at 7:30 pm.** The motion to adjourn was passed at 9:50 pm.