



Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association

Silver Spring, Maryland

Building a Community and Improving Quality of Life

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Meeting Notes

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Wheaton Regional Library

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Treasurer's Report

III. Sidewalks

- a. Weisman Road, Lindell Street, Grandview Avenue, and Munson Street
- b. Before sidewalk work begins, there will be a public hearing; work should begin in the fall
- c. **Overall summary of impacts:**
 - i. For every tree that is cut, the County proposed to replace it
 - ii. If there are modifications to driveways and stairs, the County will also take care of this.
 - iii. Retaining walls will be built where needed
 - iv. Driveway aprons will be removed and replaced
 - v. Details of impacts will be e-mailed to everyone

IV. Traffic Calming (Speed Humps)

- a. **Weisman Road and Lindell Street**
- b. **Before final consideration, traffic study needs to be completed. When are the busiest times?**

V. GFNCA website and Facebook Page

- a. www.gfnca.org
- b. Feedback, suggestions welcome
- c. Please let us know if you can help maintain the website
- d. [On Facebook at Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association - GFNCA](#)

VI. Glenmont Sector Plan update

- a. Selection of truncated public testimony and planning board staff response. For table of full testimony and responses, visit:
http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/20130314_GlenmontWorkessionONE.pdf
- b. Comments are organized by area, which is not indicated below. See above link for areas, in which these specific comments apply:
 - i. Comment: Housing increase will overwhelm roads and schools
 - ii. Response: retain proposed increase; needed to support revitalization. "Buildout numbers tested to ensure available infrastructure capacity including roads and schools" (p. 2).
 - iii. Comment: displacement of low to moderate income renters
 - iv. Response: provide a minimum of 12.5% MPDUs, but may be higher since plan prioritizes affordable housing.
 - v. Comment: consider a site for a park

- vi. Response: Glenmont Greenway Urban Park will continue along Georgia Ave. to Denley Rd. Plan recommends acquisition of suitable sites within neighborhood for additional park development.
- c. Grade separation (Randolph Rd & Georgia Ave.):
 - i. Awaits relocation of Fire station – January 2014
 - ii. Bids advertised in October 2013
 - iii. Construction to begin in March 2014
 - iv. 7 major phases of construction – approximate duration of 3 years

VII. “Glenmont Enterprise Zone”

- a. A public hearing will be held on March 27th at 6:30 PM at the Glenmont Local Park activity building (3201 Randolph Rd – just before Wheaton H.S. in front of the swimming pool) to review and comment on the County’s proposal to the State to designate certain parts of Glenmont as an enterprise zone.
- b. Enterprise zone: incentivizes development through tax concessions are offered to encourage investment (may spur job growth for residents; property improvements, etc.).

VIII. Spring/Summer anti-litter campaign

- a. Will involve...
 - i. Educational letter mailed to each household (work with County).
 - ii. Door-to-door knocking (work with members of Impact Silver Spring).
 - 1. Carry script and information from County Division of Solid Waste Services.
 - iii. Catchy yard signs posted throughout the neighborhood to serve as reminder. This effort will coincide with door-to-door knocking – ask neighbors to post signs in their yards.
- b. Yard signs completed

IX. Neighborhood beautification efforts

- a. Tree planting
- b. Flower planting, but need volunteers to create flower beds and boxes to protect them
- c. Grass seeding in median areas
- d. Other ideas?

X. 3rd Annual neighborhood yard sale

- a. Usually at the end of April, but will go with: Saturday, May 4th this year
- b. Set up your items outside your home
- c. We distribute balloons and flyers:
 - i. The balloons indicate you’re participating; easier for buyers who go from one sale to another to identify you
 - ii. Flyers with a map shows the location of other participants
- d. The proceeds are yours to keep; feel free to donate to us!
- e. Sign-ups will start at the beginning of April; we’ll send out a notice.

XI. New GFNCA boundaries

- a. Why?
 - i. Seeking to have speed humps installed along Weisman Rd. and Lindell St; these streets qualify for speed humps; however, portions of the streets that would receive speed humps fell outside our boundaries and we needed to expand our boundaries in order for the County to consider our application.
 - ii. Status of this application:
- b. What this means for neighbors outside the boundaries
 - i. Nothing. The boundaries are arbitrary and just give GFNCA a physical definition. Your membership and access to information and events through us is not affected. The more people involved with our group, the better. In the future, we hope to expand our boundaries with increased volunteerism and participation.

XII. We need volunteers to run and participate in committees !!! (PLEASE SIGN UP)

- a. **Block Captains:** Serve as a point of contact and source of information for fellow neighbors on your block. Maintain regular contact with the GFNCA executive board and help distribute flyers for meetings and events (on your block). Work on neighbor concerns and issues specific to your block of residence.
- b. **Environmental Committee:** Organize and facilitate neighborhood clean-ups and neighborhood beautification projects, and anti-litter and education initiatives. Work on neighbor concerns and issues specific to the neighborhood environment.
- c. **Public Relations & Media Committee:** Help with designing materials for advertising and distribution (e.g. flyers, posters); work with social media and local news outlets to highlight neighborhood events and inform the neighborhood about current events relevant to our neighborhood. Work on neighbor concerns and issues specific to the neighborhood's perception and reputation.
- d. **Safety & Health Committee:** Organize and facilitate neighborhood watch walks, inform neighborhood about safety issues and concerns, and education neighbors about resources to enhance safety, health, and reduce fear of crime. Work on neighbor concerns and issues specific to safety.
- e. **Social & Yard Sale Committee:** Build community and reduce anonymity among neighbors; organize annual community yard sale, social events, and develop invitations. Work with public and media relations committee to advertise and spread the word about social events. Also inform neighborhood about social events and activities in and around our neighborhood. Work on neighbor concerns, issues, and ideas related to social activities.

XIII. Q&A

Topic	Response
Suggestions	
1. Create a blog for the website	Will include a blog on the website
Neighborhood issues	
1. Henderson from Galt to Georgia Ave. needs a sidewalk	Will forward this to County official we're working with
2. Tennis shoes hanging from power line at Judson & Weisman. What does this mean?	Check with police department special investigations division: http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmpl.asp?url=/content/POL/districts/ISB/sid/index.asp
3. Judson Court needs an outlet sign	Check with the County department of Transportation: http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/trstmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/traffic/signs.asp
4. Running business outside home/too many commercial vehicles	Call 311 (can remain anonymous by not providing your name); also use this site to find the specific department to reach out to: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors/index.html#laws