

**Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.  
General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

GJA met on the above date Fairview United Methodist Church. In the absence of President David Perrott, Secretary Betsy Lehmann presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were approximately 40 people. Ms. Lehmann introduced the GJA officers and board members present. The minutes of the November 27 meeting were approved as submitted. Mr. Peters presented the Treasurer's Report. At the end of February 2019, the account balance was \$13,481.

Susan Anthony introduced guest speaker Anne Marie Humphries, Outreach Coordinator for the Baltimore County Executive. She reviewed the County Executive's plans. Budget challenges include an \$81 million shortfall that must be managed for the upcoming fiscal year's budget. She noted that the county had retained its triple-A bond. The county is asking the state for a considerable increase in school funding while identifying areas for budget cuts without impacting salaries. The budget will be submitted for County Council approval in April. Other issues reviewed included an audit of the county animal shelter, reforms of campaign financing, ethics and lobbying laws and oversight, a search for the next police commissioner, and a review of the handling of sexual assault cases including the handling and testing of rape kits. A question and answer session followed Ms. Humphries remarks.

BCPD Officer Kevin Kahl from the Cockeysville District spoke about area concerns. The District covers 230 square miles. This area is considered low crime, mostly automobile break-ins. Several catalytic converters were stolen off cars in Carroll Road area, and one marijuana grower has been arrested. No suspects have been apprehended in the armed robberies at Seven-11 and Citgo. He encouraged everyone not to hesitate to call 911 for any problems noticed in the area. Speed enforcement was considered to be needed on area roads. Citizens are encouraged to attend Police Community Relations Committee meetings, which are held at 7 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Cockeysville Library.

Ms. Lehmann raised the issue of Rule 8 in county regulations requiring a vote by the membership to allow GJA officers and/or directors to speak on behalf of the community regarding zoning matters at the Board of Appeals. John Donohue made a motion in favor of this provision, which was seconded and carried.

A member who lives on Green Road spoke about the impact of solar farms to the detriment of area homeowners and the loss of productive farmland.

There is no new information about the liquor license for the vacancy at the Manor Center since the judge's ruling in the case is still pending. There is no update on the "log cabin" area.

Ms. Lehmann reported that the GJA Board has recommended amendments to GJA Bylaws, which have been posted on the website. Members are asked to review the proposed changes, email with any comments or concerns, and be prepared to vote on the changes at the May 21 meeting.

Future GJA membership meetings for 2019 will be held on the following dates: May 21, September 17 and November 19. The planned speaker for the May 21 meeting is Kaylee Justice, a county planner to discuss zoning and the next CZMP.

Since there was no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lehmann, Secretary

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