

Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

GJA met on the above date at Fairview United Methodist Church. In the absence of President David Perrott, Secretary Betsy Lehmann called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. In attendance were 28 people. Ms. Lehmann introduced the GJA officers and board members present.

The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved as submitted. Mr. Peters presented the Treasurer's Report. The account balance was \$15,807.90.

Councilman Wade Kach was the first guest speaker. He announced that funding has been secured toward building new high schools at both Dulaney and Towson. Matching funds will need to be obtained from the state. Groundbreaking is to commence in 2023. Both current schools are in extremely poor condition due to many years of neglected maintenance. Councilman Kach reported that he had developed a very good working relationship with County Councilman Johnny Olszewski. Many area issues are being addressed by the current administration in a timely manner.

Second guest speaker was Jeff Mayhew, Deputy Director of Planning for Baltimore County, accompanied by assistant Joe Riley. Mr. Mayhew presented a *PowerPoint* program to review the 2020 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) taking place on its four-year cycle. Handouts with the process and dates were circulated.

New information about on the "log cabin" area/the Goldberg property was obtained from a newspaper article stating that a building permit had been filed for two fast-food restaurants with drive-thrus on the site. Mr. Mayhew stated that a meeting held on this date on the permit request denied immediate approval and required a more comprehensive review by pertinent agencies causing some delay.

Discussion ensued about the concept of two-fast food restaurants on this site. The consensus was that the plan as filed was not in the best interest of nor met the community's desired uses. GJA options were discussed. It was suggested that GJA ask Councilman Kach to review the zoning on the site and possibly downzone it to a more restrictive rural use when the County Council's filing period opens in November. Skip Wingo made a motion for GJA to write a letter to Wade Kach asking him to review and downzone the site. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

David Palmer suggested meeting with the site owner/developer in the very near future to find a compromise solution that would benefit the developer/owners and the community. The GJA board will endeavor to work with the developer, and a special meeting of the GJA membership will be called if appropriate.

John Donohue reported that the Long Green Association had been dissolved due to lack of interest and suggested that GJA might want to consider being more inclusive in that geographical area.

Helen Petrich as Trustee Chairman of Fairview UMC reported that the church had been broken into and a fire started on the evening of September 15. The fire was contained and insurance was expected to cover the damage. She reported that the church would hold a yard sale on September 21, the Senior Center was holding a bull roast on September 28, and the American Legion Post 174 was holding a crab feast fundraiser at Madonna Seafood on October 24.

The next regularly scheduled GJA membership meeting for 2019 is on November 19.

Since there was no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lehmann, Secretary