

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

GJA met on the above date at Fairview United Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by President David Perrott at 7:30 pm. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as submitted. Treasurer Marc Peters reported that as of end of October 2019 there was \$14,847.03 on account.

Under old business, Ms. Anthony had written a letter for GJA to the County expressing GJA's reservations about permitting solar farms to move forward until more research was done to assess their impact.

Regarding the "log cabin" area/fast-food site in Jacksonville, a hearing is to be held on January 7 to decide on the need for a public hearing about the development plan for the site. The public is encouraged to attend in force to show community concern about the current concept. The meeting arranged by Mr. Palmer with the site owner/developer was cancelled by the lawyer representing the developer. He will try to arrange further discussions with the developer's representatives. Ms. Lehmann noted that, pursuant to GJA vote at the last meeting, she had written to Councilman Wade Kach requesting him to downzone the site in the CZMP. The public hearing on CZMP for District 3 will be held on March 12, 2020 at Loch Raven High School.

Elections to fill board vacancies on the GJA Board were held. John Donohue has rotated off the board since he has moved out of the area. William Ensor and Mitch Daly have been added to the slate. Other board members and officers have expressed a desire to remain. The slate for 2020 is as follows: President – David Perrott; VP – vacant; Secretary – Betsy Lehmann; Treasurer - Marc Peters. Directors: Susan Anthony, Anne Bailey, Mitch Daly, William Ensor, David Palmer, Helen Petrich, Wil Sauerbrey. The slate was unanimously elected.

Guest speaker, State Senator Chris West, (District 42) was introduced. Topics included solar panels, expressing a preference for putting them on flat roofs and public buildings rather than on farmland; the Kirwin Commission on school funding with a cost of \$4 B per year; plans to borrow \$2B to build three new high schools (Dulaney, Lansdowne, and Towson at \$125M each.)

The zoning issue of a non-conforming apartment use at 14227 Manor Road was discussed. The current use dates from 1971 and is grandfathered in before existing zoning regulations. A hearing will probably be held after the first of the year.

General membership meeting dates for 2020 are as follows; March 10 (to avoid St. Patrick's Day), May 19, September 15, and November 17.

Suggested topics for 2020 include an update from MDE and Exxon on the progress in cleaning up the gasoline spill of 2006, and discussion of the impact of salt/chlorine on ground water and well contamination.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehmann, Secretary