

Greater Jacksonville Association
General Membership Meeting
March 18, 2025

The GJA membership meeting was held on the above date at Fairview Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by President David Palmer at 7:00 pm. There were approximately 35 people in attendance.

The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were accepted as presented. In the absence of Treasurer Marc Peters, Board member Tracey Crowl reported that the GJA account balance at the end of February was \$8,557.30.

Guest speaker, David Perrott, pharmacist and owner of Paper Mill Pharmacy, spoke on the topic of *Pharmacies: Then and Now* emphasizing the role of pharmacy benefit managers in the cost of today's prescription medications.

After Mr. Perrott's talk, Mr. Palmer reviewed the status of several issues of interest to the community. Mr. Palmer reported that in the current CZMP, GJA had opposed the five upzoning requests that affect the Jacksonville commercial area and had expressed these views at three CXMP hearings. The issues went before the Planning Board, which opposed all five upzoning requests; however, Councilman Wade Kach approved the change in zoning from RC5 to BL CR for 14202 Jarrettsville Pike.

The revisions to the GJA Community Plan were made available for community comment, and several edits and suggestions were incorporated into the final draft. The completed Plan was approved by county agencies, and after approval by the County Council will be incorporated into 2030 Baltimore County Master Plan.

Mr. Palmer noted that Sweet Air Square on Jarrettsville Pike is for sale. Hillendale country Club has been sold. Its future use is still being determined.

A bill is under consideration by the County Council to change the URDL (Urban Rural Demarcation Line), which would result in higher density development moving north. GJA was urged to write a letter in support of leaving the URDL as it now stands.

Mr. Palmer reminded everyone to renew their membership as increased operating costs are ongoing. Dues are now \$20 per calendar year. He requested suggestions for speakers for future meetings.

Meeting dates for 2025 are as follows: May 20, September 16 and November 18.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Lehmann, Secretary