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Minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting

Attendees: Josh Goodman, Ian Rothman, Ben & Ada Joyner, Dorinda Danneman, Melissa, John Bogasky, Jim Epstein and Charlotte Crutchfield.

The Minutes were approved. The Treasurers Report was the same as last month. Cash on hand at the end of October was \$1224.00. The Glenmont Exchange has 28 active members. No revenues or expenses are anticipated thru the end of the year. Next year's budget is expected to be the same as this year.

Glenmont Forest Local Park – located on the remainder of the former Glenmont Elementary School site at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road, next to the new Fire Station. Dorinda Danneman reported this parcel will be developed by Montgomery County Department of General Services as a local park. Greg Ossont, Deputy Director, DGS, responded to her query that they have been soliciting community input, and they have limited funds left over from the Fire Station construction.

Jim Epstein, from Glenmont Forest, reported that the remainder of the property was promised to the Glenmont Forest community when the Fire Station was located there. The available budget for development of the park is small, perhaps \$50K. A promise has been made of a small shelter and 2 piece playground with a virgin rubber base. Glenmont Forest would like additional amenities – lights, grills and signage. An exercise trail and bike lane are expected to cross the site. There are three daycare centers in the area that would use the site. They would also like input on how to use the site to make a statement. Currently no fences or lighting are planned.

The SHA trailer will be removed this week, and the property turned over to DGS after it is semi-graded and seeded. It will be graded at 1% after the drop off next to Georgia Avenue. The entire Glenmont School property was about six acres, some land was used for the Fire Station. David Dice of DGS will be meeting with the community, DEP, Parks, Park & Planning regarding site use and limitations. Jim has also had a briefing with Marc Elrich.

There is a storm water management issue, the State has mandated reductions in storm water runoff into the bay. Montgomery County had a storm water management program, but the projects were put on hold. One of the issues for improving the site is that the site plan for the Firehouse portion of the site was previously approved, and if more that 5,000 square feet of the rest of the site is 'disturbed' a new site plan would be required to meet new permit requirements. The county is expected to provide a modified plan to Glenmont Forest soon; they are waiting to see if the storm water management program is reinstated.

Pedestrian safety concerns on Layhill Road between Georgia Avenue and Layhill Road – SHA needs to study this problem. Josh has spoken to SHA about this, and his suggestion of sending a letter to SHA requesting a study of pedestrian safety in this area was approved. Jim Epstein said the

head of SHA was at a County Council meeting last week and asked to be informed about intersections that need calming. SHA is planning to do something different with crosswalks/striping to make them more visible.

The development of Poplar Pointe, along Alderton Road is continuing. Last year there was a meeting at the Mid-County Rec Center for community input. A Planning Board hearing will be held later this week. 12 houses are proposed along Alderton Road, which will be extended to connect with Night Sky Drive in Poplar Run. They hope to start building by the end of 2019.

Suggestion for future guests – Maren Hill, Aspen Hill Vision Zero Project Manager and Jessica McVary, Planning Department. Maren Hill is speaking to Strathmore/Bel Pre next week.

Randolph Road, near Glenallan Elementary School – adults and children are crossing Randolph at Heurich Road at all times of day. There is no crossing guard at that intersection. There is a crossing guard at Randolph Road and Glenallan Avenue in the morning and afternoon, but many children are not walking to that intersection. More vehicles are speeding on Randolph Road in this area since the interchange opened. This is not a new problem and should be brought to County attention again. The Glenallan and Kennedy PTA's can also be contacted about this problem.

Westbound on Randolph Road between Heurich and Glenallan there are no street lights along the sidewalk.

The timing of the lights at Layhill and Georgia and at Randolph and Georgia could be improved. Traffic is still backed up a long way on Layhill Road, and Randolph Road westbound is only slightly improved. The county controls timing of traffic lights.

The Glenmont Exchange members extend our congratulations to Delegate-elect Charlotte Crutchfield.

The next Glenmont Exchange Meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Poplar Run Clubhouse, 13500 Stargazer Place, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.