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### **Minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting**

Attendees: David Shaw, Pete Jervey, Jimmy Roeneke, Kim Persaud, John Bogasky, Tony Fracasso, Dorinda Danneman, Ajima Olaghere.

The minutes were approved. There was no Treasury report.

Correspondence received: Montgomery county Citizens Advisory Board request nominations for Best Citizen and Best Civic Association.

Dorinda Danneman reported on the Wheaton Youth Center. The building, which has a Japanese influence, was built in 1963 and in its early years was used for concerts. The 400 seat hall was convertible to a roller rink. Its modernist design won an award from the AIA Potomac Chapter.

Keeping the existing Youth Center building and re-purposing it for other purposes is under consideration. If the building is retained, it would be part of the Wheaton Library/Recreation Center project, and could potentially reduce the size of the new building. The Recreation Department does not have a use for it; it could cost \$8M to renovate it for other community or civic use. A partnership with a private group for the renovation is being considered. Retaining the Youth Center building would reduce the amount of green space available and require relocation of the play area closer to Georgia Avenue. The new Library/Recreation Center will require relocation of Hermitage Avenue.

David Shaw reported the Glenmont Fire Station did not move on schedule in February. The new date for the move to the former Wheaton Rescue Squad building is March 14, 2014. The changes in the building to accommodate the height of the fire trucks are reported to have been completed.

Ajima Olaghere has planned Candidate Meet-and-Greet events for local politicians. We need to have a unified voice for our area. Plans are to invite candidates for County Council, County Executive and Delegates to respond to questions from the community. She has a tentative list of questions to be answered by candidates.

David Shaw discussed the Next Door Neighborhood Information System, <https://nextdoor.com/>. It has mapping and classifieds for neighborhoods. Anyone can join in their neighborhood, or create a new neighborhood.

Pete Jervey said the next hearing for Privacy World would be March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Privacy World project started in 2005, two years to Plan, one year to Rezoning. In 2008 there was the recession. The process resumed in 2012 with Rezoning, Citizen Appeal and Litigation in 2013, Preliminary Plan Approval in 2013. The first phase of 171 Townhouses (22 MPDU) will be constructed by Winchester Homes. Plan is one year to Permits, one year to Models (Fall 2015), building will begin after 2015. The whole project will eventually be about 1300 units. 90,000 square foot grocery anchored retail with additional small retail is eventually planned for the corner of Georgia Avenue and Glenallan Avenue.

John Bogasky reported that Aldi's and LA Fitness are expected to occupy Plaza del Mercado after the shopping center renovation.

**The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on April 28, 2014.**