

Glenmont Exchange

Minutes, April 27, 2015 Meeting

Attendees: Pete Jervey, Ernie Benjamin, Tony Fracasso, David Shaw, Ian Rothman, Dorinda Danneman, Stu Carlow, John Bogasky, Mike Gregory, Steve Hines, Michael Gregory, Marcy Carson.

The Minutes were not reviewed; the Secretary brought the wrong minutes.

The Treasurers report was not available.

Planning and Zoning report: Ernie Benjamin distributed the AGWG newsletter. Roger Manno will attend their next meeting, May 5th.

Norbeck Road/Rt. 198 Study: There have been some meetings and some alternatives were laid out. Of a list of options so far, the AGWG is in favor of Option 3, except for the plans for a roundabout.

Curbing is being rebuilt on Layhill and placement of the light at Norvale has started. Roger Manno has been asked to follow up on making the bridge for Buckthorne Branch pedestrian friendly. Layhill Road is to be resurfaced this summer.

Federal Realty will not make an announcement about the new tenants at Plaza del Mercado until all leases are signed. Some of the smaller retailers have already closed due to the renovation. The gas station is open.

Glenmont Shopping Center – List of Quick Fix Improvements

1. Potholes. Potholes top the list of improvement desired at the shopping center. The Exchange has photos of the largest potholes on its website.
2. Improve Lighting.
3. Remove concrete block between Staples and CVS.
4. Farmers Market. Olney has a good market, there is also a new market in White Oak. Could the KFC site be used after the building is demolished? Another site to consider would be the Baptist Church. Pete Jervey will look into Farmers Markets.
5. Improve and control traffic flow throughout the center. Replace the speedbumps with stop signs; install curbs, sidewalks and landscaping. Request the county to assess engineering for the “roadway” thru the center to determine possible improvements to the current chaotic traffic flow. What aspects of the future Master Planned roadway could be implemented now? Follow up with our representatives; Manno, Navarro, etc.
6. Provide left turn access to the shopping center from southbound Layhill Road, including a pedestrian crosswalk.

The Flower Shop in the Arcade is closing.

KFC is still abandoned four years after being hit by a Ride-On bus. A newspaper article last year said WMATA is to demolish the building. They are waiting for Montgomery County to reimburse them before demolition. Tony Fracasso has requested further information from WMATA and Navarro.

Grading is to start this summer for the construction at Privacy World. Winchester will build 171 townhouses. 45 townhouses and 260 garden apartment units are planned for the second section. They will be attending a convention in May looking for a grocery store tenant for the section near Georgia Avenue. It can take 5 or more years from the time the tenant is chosen to project completion.

Presentation of the new Wheaton Library and Recreation Center plan was last week. The Library portion of the building will be located closest to the corner of Georgia Avenue, along Arcola Avenue, with the Rec center portion fronting on Georgia Avenue. The old Recreation center will be torn down and replaced with parking and green space. Hermitage Avenue will be closed where it meets Georgia Avenue. There will be underground parking. Estimated cost about \$74M.

The next meeting of the Glenmont Exchange will be Monday, May 18, 2015