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### **Minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting**

Attendees: David Shaw, Rich Burnes, Ernie Benjamin, John Bogasky, Dorinda Danneman, Tony Fracasso, Pete Jervey and Peg Beck.

The agenda was approved, introductions were made, and the minutes of the May 22 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report announced a balance of approximately \$325 with no expenses: 18 paid members: 11 individuals, 5 associations, and 2 businesses. An application form is available on the website with the Treasurer's mailing address.

Officers were elected: President – David Shaw; First Vice President – Pete Jervey; Second Vice President – John Bogasky; Secretary – Dorinda Danneman; Treasurer – Peg Beck.

A letter was received from an aide to Marc Elrich about the timing of the process for the Vitro/BAE site (Walmart) in Aspen Hill. The Aspen Hill Master Plan update will start in May/June of 2015. It would not be completed until 2017. A minor master plan amendment would return to the Council in late 2014. The proposed Walmart site is not readily accessible to mass transit and not well suited for housing. Retail may be the best use for the site. Effects on local retail were discussed. There is a local business group, the Aspen Hill Business Coalition. <http://rockville.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/aspen-hill-business-owners-mobilize-vie-for-retail-at845d4aad74>

The Costco Mega Gas Station was discussed in an article by Donna Savage in The Sentinel. The public hearings are continuing – dates include July 8, 11, 30, 31 and August 2. The Costco/Target parking lot is the busiest portion of the mall. The Kensington Heights Civic Association has done a lot of good work. The possible sites still under consideration are next to the Costco building in the Costco/Target parking lot and behind Costco in the parking lot in front of the Sears Outlet. One site is close to the Kenmont swimming pool property and the other close to the Stephen Knolls School.

Home Depot is holding a public meeting Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at Aspen Hill Library to discuss their planned expansion. They are planning to build out to the limit of their previously approved footprint. The expansion would be about 30,000 square feet on the east side of the building toward Connecticut Avenue. <http://www.aspenhillcivicassociation.org/HomeDepotLetter.pdf>

Pete Jervey discussed the preliminary plan for Winchester's 171 townhouse subdivision for the vacant lot near the corner of Glenallan on Layhill Road. The Glenmont Master Plan indicates that a new road is to go thru the Privacy World apartment's property from Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road. State Roads had a lot of input into placement of the new intersection on Layhill Road. It will be closer to the Metro property than to Glenallan and will be right in/right out.

From the Planning Board: On Thursday, May 30, 2013, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the [Planning Board Draft of the Glenmont Sector Plan \[pdf\]](#) (4.4 MB) for transmittal to the County Executive and the County Council. It is anticipated that a public hearing will be set by the County Council in the fall of 2013 followed by worksessions and approval with some modifications. The final

Plan will amend the Approved and Adopted 1997 Sector Plan for the Glenmont Transit Impact Area and Vicinity. The new sector plan assesses what has changed in Glenmont since 1997, re-evaluates past recommendations, and reflects the community's vision for a transit-oriented, revitalized community.

The business community would like to do more to help out with the schools. Need suggestions from parents and PTA's. The perception of local schools is not good, some parents are moving away when their children enter Middle School and some children are being sent to Catholic or other private schools.

No Meetings are planned for July or August, the next meeting will be in September. Suggestions for the September agenda should be sent to David Shaw.