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Minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting

Attendees: Ernie Benjamin, John Bogasky, Dorinda Danneman, Ian Rothman, Tony Fracasso, Arquilla Ridgell, Eric Lienhard, and Charlotte Crutchfield.

The Agenda was approved. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We now have 25 members, including 6 Associations. \$50 was donated to the Kennedy post-prom event. Net Income thru 6-26-2017 is \$208.00.

MD 28/MD 198 Corridor Improvement Study. A presentation was given on June 19th at Blake HS. There are three alternatives: Alternative 1 (No-Build), Alternative 2 (sidewalks, bikeways and other improvements) and Alternative 3 (divided roadway with feeder lanes). The corridor is divided into 5 segments. Improvements to Segment A, Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road is of most interest to Exchange members. Alternative 2 could include pedestrian and bicycle improvements and widening in some areas. Alternative 3 proposes to widen the entire segment to four lanes with additional turning lanes. Segment B, Layhill Road to New Hampshire Avenue. Turning lanes may be added at Norwood Road. Segment C, New Hampshire Avenue to Old Columbia Pike. Proposal is to leave as two lanes, perhaps with traffic circles at Good Hope, Thompson and Peach Orchard. Segment D, Old Columbia Pike to Route 29: improvements to access to local businesses are proposed. Segment E, Route 29 to I-95, improvements for pedestrian and bicycle access. Members approved writing a letter in support of traffic circles on MD 28 in Segment A. <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=AW0681115>

Elections – Tony Fracasso, the nominations chair, presented the nominations. President – Josh Goodman. First Vice President – John Bogasky. Second Vice President – Jimmy Roembke. Treasurer – Ian Rothman. Secretary – Dorinda Danneman. Motion to elect slate of officers passed.

Gabriel, the Postmaster in Silver Spring, spoke to the Strathmore/Bel Pre HOA. He started as a letter carrier in Wheaton. He is working on turning around the local post offices – Silver Spring, Wheaton, and Aspen Hill.

Reports of problems with recycling pick-ups – broken bins, bins not emptied, bins left in road.

Speaker suggestion for the November meeting – Snow removal and Emergency Preparedness.

Privacy World/Glenmont MetroCentre – Winchester Homes is building the townhouses at the corner of Glenallan Avenue and Layhill Road. Question about how many have sold. The developer of the Apartments in the second section will be Northern Virginia Realty.

In Wheaton, the AVA building is almost finished. The future Park and Planning Building broke ground in June.

Progress is being made on the Randolph Road and Georgia Avenue interchange. When construction is completed, the area next to the new Fire Station is planned to be green space. The Glenmont Greenway along Georgia Avenue will be reconstructed. The site of the former gas station may also be green space. As part of the project wrap-up, requests should be made for fencing or some other way to prevent pedestrians crossing Layhill Road between Georgia Avenue and Glenallan Avenue and crossing Randolph Road between Glenmont Circle and Glenallan Avenue.

The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.