

Glenmont Exchange, Inc.

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Minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting

Attendees: Peg Beck, Dorinda Danneman, Roger Manno, Ernie Benjamin, Ian Rothman, Arquilla Ridgell, Marice Morales, Josh Goodman, Alicia Briancon, Rich Burnes, David Shaw, Ajima Olaghere, Melissa Pennick.

The Minutes were approved with the following change to the number of members: We have 8 individual members, 7 associations, and 2 business members.

Treasury balance is unchanged at \$516.50. A draft budget for 2014 was distributed. David Shaw has submitted expenses for postage and Domain name renewal.

The Elected Officers and Board Members were sworn in. The Board Members are Ajima Olaghere, Ernst Benjamin, I. Rothman, Josh Goodman, Richard Burnes and Tony Fracasso. The Officers are David Shaw, President; John Bogasky and Pete Jervey, Vice-Presidents; Peg Beck, Treasurer; and Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.

Roger Manno, State Senator, reaches out to civic organizations in his district yearly. End of session reports were distributed.

Enterprise zone for Glenmont Center was created to go along with grade separated interchange project (70M SHA project). Envisions mixed use walkable town center for Glenmont redevelopment sites. Hope is to attract developer that can work with the 15 Glenmont landowners.

Roger is available as a resource for land use projects in our area. He would like SHA to build another grade separated interchange at Rt. 28 and Georgia Avenue.

Manno testified 4 years ago in opposition to Wal-Mart in his district, recently testified against the Minor Text Amendment at the Planning Board.

Marice Morales is a candidate for House of Delegates. She will be accessible if elected. Marice recently worked for Roger Manno, as Special Assistant. Marice holds a Law Degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Public Policy from George Mason.

Melissa Pennick is a candidate for the Democratic Central Committee. She lives in Kemp Mill, Silver Spring since 2009. She lived previously in Howard County. Melissa is a labor organizer and Chair, Democratic Precinct Organization Committee. Their website, www.mcdcc.org lists events coming up. Melissa can be reached at 410-599-9864.

Plaza del Mercado renovation. The Federal Realty vision was included in the agenda, plans are for a revitalized shopping center with LA Fitness and Aldi. The area has historically been a local gathering spot. Concerns are that the new sections may not harmonize with the older sections that have a distinctive feel.

Nationally LA Fitness and Aldi like to be paired together. LA Fitness will be two stories, and Aldi will be one story. The stores occupying the area for the future Aldi's will move to other locations in the center. Aldi has received a high rating from Consumer Reports.

How will they present the large stores and retain the "Town Center" feel that Del Mercado has previously presented? Plans are to have a new Gas Station tenant.

Plans show trees in the parking lot, what will the street view be like from Bel Pre Road, past the McDonalds and Gas Station.

The first of three phases of the Privacy World redevelopment has begun with demolition of the old bank and some apartment units. 8 garden apartment buildings will be replaced with about 170 townhouses, including about 20 MPDU's. 2nd or 3rd phase may have a condo section.

Aspen Hill Minor Sector Plan Amendment – Wal-Mart has withdrawn its plans to move to Aspen Hill, it would have had to get special exceptions.

SHA Informational Workshop – September 30 at JFK High School Cafeteria, 6-8 pm.

Block parties and community festivals – In Ajima's neighborhood, their events started in 2009. Information is provided on community projects, and recycling. They have food and games, etc. In Tivoli, the event was two days ago. They had a fire truck, food and games. Ideas are needed for Glenmont Exchange presence at local community and association events.

Suggestions are solicited for alternative locations for Glenmont Exchange meetings. Steve Hines recently moved his community meeting to the Mid-County Community Center. Advance booking and a fee are required. Longmead Crossing and Poplar Run have community centers like Tivoli's.

The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.