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Minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting

Attendees: Josh Goodman, Rich Burnes, Eric Lienhard, LaTasha Lee, Michael Gelman, Mark Prysant, John Bogasky, Patricia & Larry Williams, David Stonehill, Corinne Goldsmith, Larry Campbell, Sharon Smith, Dorinda Danneman,

The Minutes were approved. No Treasurers Report.

Discussion about the Glenmont Shopping Center. It would be interesting to have an owner attend our meeting. Several owners have been responsive to our emails in the past. The county has set up a meeting with most of the owners to discuss drainage issues, money for improvements, perhaps a grant for facade improvements.

What can be done to delineate Glenmont as a place? Murals, flowers, grassy areas with or without flowers, name on the watertower?

Would fencing/landscaping on Layhill Road between Georgia Avenue and Glenallan Avenue improve the look of the area while enhancing safety by reducing pedestrian crossings in the middle of the block? Could the right turn lanes at Georgia & Layhill that do not require a stop be removed, like they did at Aspen Hill Road, and more recently at Georgia & Rt 28?

Montgomery County has begun a Pedestrian Safety Initiative, with a meeting tomorrow night at the Mid-County Rec Center. Vision Zero <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/visionzero/> has a goal of reducing pedestrian fatalities. There have been several pedestrian fatalities along Georgia Avenue between Wheaton and Aspen Hill in recent months.

When was the last traffic count done in Glenmont? The area has grown considerably since the interchange construction started. While the ICC and interchange have marginally reduced morning backups on westbound Randolph Road, significant new traffic is flowing south on Layhill from the ICC. Backups are now extending from Georgia back to Poplar Run. GPS is also routing traffic off of Georgia Avenue across the ICC to Layhill to avoid some backups. Could data be obtained from GPS providers to illustrate this?

Now that the road construction at Georgia Avenue & Randolph Road is complete, what can we expect to be done in the area to manage traffic flow/adjust the timing of lights. A new traffic light is being installed at Randolph Road and Livingston Street.

Guest suggestions – speaker from Montgomery County traffic management (Thomas Tyree) or state traffic management.

Discussion of Glenmont MetroCentre – status, plans and traffic issues. See the Planning Board and the Buchanon Partners websites. Timing of construction will be based on demand in the market. Ground has been broken for the second townhouse section, to be built by MI Homes.

Relocation of Lindsay Ford in Aspen Hill on the old Vitro site was approved by the Planning Board. https://eplans.montgomeryplanning.org/UserFilesSource/8837/35629/30-PBRESandMailingLists-%20820180070.pdf/30-PBRESandMailingLists-%20820180070.pdf_V2/30-PBRESandMailingLists-%20820180070.pdf

Montgomery County Humane Society, currently the owners of the old Aspen Hill Pet Cemetery, is planning to relocate its headquarters to the site.

Del Mercado is having trouble filling the rest of its storefronts. LA Fitness and Aldi are very busy and are filling most of the spaces. Traffic is backing up in front of the CVS. Prospective tenants are concerned by the potential lack of convenient parking.

They are making minor changes to the Glenmont Sector Plan; Josh will speak with Mr. Anderson from the Planning Board next week. Mr. Anderson will be the guest for our October meeting, speaking about the county's plans for the Glenmont area over the next 5 years.

The next Glenmont Exchange Meeting will be Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Poplar Run Clubhouse, 13500 Stargazer Place, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.