

WPICA GENERAL MEETING May 16, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Roy Fredrick. President Whisler will be joining us as soon as possible.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Poplawski (copy attached). Bank of America is now charging us 7 cents per check deposited and a \$3.00 check insert fee. Our CD at Mercantile will be up for renewal at the end of June. Our current CD balance is \$6,988.00.

Officer Glass of the Baltimore County Police Department, community liaison, advised us there have been no significant crimes in our area. He can be reached at (410) 887-4714 or 4715. The BCPD will do a security check at the homes of any residents who request this service. The problem of trucks parked all night behind Westview Mall was addressed. President Whisler has contacted Mall owners but they have not returned his calls. Police cannot deal with this issue because they are parked on private property. Residents were advised that if they see vehicles with no license plates or if cars illegally park in alleyways they should call 911.

Myron Laufer, Tower Federal Credit Union, spoke to us regarding the benefits to our community membership in their credit union. They have reasonable credit card rates. Their closest branch to us is in Normandy Shopping Center. President Whisler is on their Board of Directors.

Jennifer Hodorovich and Anthony Brown, MTA Redline spokespersons told us about this route's current expansion plans. The Redline will run 10.5 miles from Fells Point to Security Square Mall. It is now in the planning stages with construction to begin in 2010. They want community involvement in their plans. There will be 2 evening meetings planned for the near future. There is a proposed station near Ingleside Shopping Center. It will probably be light rail or rapid buses and not subway. A decision will be made in 2007.

Baltimore County States Attorney, Sandra O'Connor, has served for 32 years and advised that she will not be running again. She stated that her office operates in a non-political manner and hires only the best attorneys. She asked that we support her deputy, Steven Bailey, as he has worked for her for 20 years and is dedicated to supporting her policies.

George Kapushinski, 1st District county council candidate, explained the principles of his candidacy.

Two circuit court sitting judges, Mickey Norman and Timothy Martin spoke regarding their candidacy to retain their judgeships. They preside over jury trials. To be a circuit court judge candidates must be 30 years of age or older. They are elected for 15 year terms. They must also be Baltimore County residents and must be lawyers.

Linda Forsythe represented Senator Delores Kelley's Office. President Whisler has been appointed to the commission studying the Red Line expansion that is chaired by Senator Kelley.

Delegate Adrienne Jones spoke and advised that Baltimore County received record funding from the State for schools. Also, a bill was passed for relief for senior citizens for property taxes. The income levels for seniors was raised to \$60,000.00 and property values covered was raised from \$150,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Regarding BGE and Constellation Energy Company, the Legislature requested the projected income for the proposed Constellation Energy and FPL merger. They have 10 days to respond to the Legislature. A special legislative session may be called.

Shirley Nathan Pulliam advised that the legislature is looking into BGE deregulation and merger and health care and group homes.

Sam Moxley, County Councilman advised that Southwest Academy will be receiving extensive renovations. There will be \$574,000.00 for windows at Johnnycake Elementary School. He also advised that over 20 streets inside of the Beltway will soon be repaved. He also advised that signs placed on thoroughfares and in median strips are illegal and citizens can go on County property and remove these signs. County schools are being attended by Baltimore City students illegally. The County pays \$8,000.00 per year for each of these pupils. An audit will be conducted and these illegal students will be removed when the audit is completed. The situation at Westview Fire Station regarding noise will be remedied within 2 weeks. The County will provide even more dumpsters for our bulk trash day, if needed. The proposed date is Saturday, July 29, 2006. Councilman Moxley does not believe there will be an overall property tax reduction in the near future as this revenue is needed. Senior citizens will be given a reduction for property taxes up to \$300,000.00 if their income is less than \$60,000.00 a year. The County must maintain its triple A Bond rating. A 5% rainy day fund is required by law.

All politicians and their representatives will stay and answer residents' questions after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

West Nile Virus – The Maryland Dept. of Agriculture will again be requested to spray our community. It was motioned, seconded and approved by all in attendance to have this done. There were no nays. If you have a concern please contact President Whisler. Spraying will only be done in the evening hours, starting around 10:00 p.m. This spraying will be done every week or so, weather permitting. Everyone needs to remove any standing water on their property as this draws mosquitoes.

Zoning Sweep – we have no covenants so we must use County zoning laws and codes to protect our community. When a zoning sweep is done the inspectors cannot go

on private property unless requested to do so by the owner. Citations will be issued for violations. Failure to comply will result in expensive fines for the homeowner. Health, safety and welfare conditions will be their main concerns. They will also be checking debris and trash piles for signs of rodent infestation. No zoning variance was given for more than 8 children in a single day care.

New Life Apartments – located on North Rolling Road 1,000 yards north of Crosby Road. The Korean Presbyterian Church sold about 8 of their 11 acres to a developer who proposed building an independent living facility for low income seniors. There would be 120 units in a large 3-story structure on an elevated hill overlooking area homes. This would present an extremely negative visual impact. After residents attended several input meetings, they voted to reject the proposal. All but 3 households voted to reject the plan because of concerns regarding a negative community impact. It was preferred that the parcel be used for single family homes and not a 120 unit facility.

Quereshi Property - N. Rolling Road, 500 yards N. of Crosby Rd. - Our community joined with our neighbors along Rolling Rd. to prevent a developer from clustering 13 single family homes on just over 2 acres. All three members of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals thought the developer's plan was not consistent with the existing community. However, they ruled against us citing that there were no laws dictating how large lots must be in our neighborhood. We have joined residents in filing an appeal to the Circuit Court that this development will prompt a decrease in property values because the County fails to enforce various regulations that require neighborhood consistency.

Rolling Stones Development – 100 yards south of Crosby Rd. – Concerns from our Community and Woodbridge Valley were discounted by the County Zoning Commissioner and he approved construction of 5 single family homes on just over 2 acres of land. We are concerned that a portion of the development defies current Woodbridge Valley covenants and that the homes will be situated in a style inconsistent with the neighborhood. These homes will only add to the heavy traffic on Rolling Rd. and will impact area schools.

Residents along Adamsview Rd., Copeland Rd/ and Half Penny Lane complain that traffic is increasing in this area. Traffic Calming measures will be placed on Adamsview Rd. beginning this summer to slow down traffic and prevent cut-throughs and excess out-of-neighborhood traffic.

Rolling Rd. and Ethel Avenue - this area continues to be a congested area that threatens safety and property values. The 30 MPH speed limit continues to be ignored and speeds routinely reach 60 MPH. Steve Weber of Balto. Co. Traffic Engineering indicated that he has heard complaints for a few years now but will not authorize changes to Rolling Rd. that would force cars to merge into a single lane between Ethel Ave. and Crosby Rd. He has considered and may authorize street markings to facilitate 2 lanes of traffic to flow in each direction. Most Westerlee, Westview Park and North Rolling Rd. residents disapprove of any notion to create two

lanes of traffic in each direction in this area. Many homeowners cannot park on their own street and must pave portions of their front lawns to provide ample parking, which decreases property values. A resident of N. Rolling Rd. was injured when she attempted to reach into her mailbox, which is positioned next to the curb, and a speeding vehicle's side mirror struck her arm. Residents are urged to call Councilman Moxley (410) 887-0896 or Steve Weber (410) 887-3560 to let them know that you want this portion of Rolling Rd. to be safer for both residents and motorists. Motorists should be discouraged from using Rolling Rd. as a major alternative to the Beltway.

Flooding along area streams – The County investigated streams located outside the Beltway last October. The DEPRM confirmed our concerns of erosion in several spots along the streams. They agreed to come back last November to start a comprehensive study. However, they did not return after learning that we are part of the Gwynn's Falls Watershed Management Plan and there has been no action due to this plan being targeted for review in 2008. All residents are urged to call the Balto. County Dept. of Public Works Bureau of Highways at (410) 887-3720 if debris clogs streams.

Report Card on 2006 Legislative goals - Balto. Co. will receive a 14.3% increase in state aid, bringing the aid to \$441.7 million. The 2006 Legislature failed to pass a bill against Eminent Domain being used for private development purposes, not government usage. This situation needs to be addressed next session. Also, changes need to be made regarding oversight of group homes as they are now under the control of 3 different agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

Bulk Trash – Mary Breland will again be in charge of this event. July 29th is the proposed date, subject to County approval and Johnnycake Elementary School's approval.

Club Tabu – we feel that this venue should be regulated the same as other adult entertainment businesses. We have been advised by the property owner that he will not renew their lease and will help these tenants to relocate elsewhere.

Windsor Mill Middle School Boundaries – Southwest Academy will have 200 fewer students next year due to transfer of students to Windsor Mill Middle School. You will be kept advised of any new developments in this situation.

Meet the candidates forums – Area community and religious groups are planning a series of venues for meeting the politicians and challengers before the Sept. 12th primary and Nov. 7th elections. These events will be held at the Baltimore Islamic Society facilities at 6633 Johnnycake Road at 2 p.m. on July 29th and Aug. 5th.

WPICA elections – The Nominating Committee consisting of Ganiyu Raji, Louise Scott and Carol Ehlers, should be contacted by residents willing to volunteer. The positions that need to be filled are as follows: (1) Vice President; (1) Secretary; (1) Treasurer and (10) Board of Governors positions.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Whisler at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Fredrick, Secretary