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## MAY 12 FORUM ON PUBLIC EDUCATION DRAWS LARGE CROWD

PANELISTS VALERIE EVANS, ABBEY SCHNEIDER AND JOHN HOVEN OFFER A STIMULATING EVENING



Abbey Schneider describes her teaching experience at the Montgomery County Public Schools as an attentive audience listens and interacts with her. Ms. Schneider tells how exciting and exhausting her teaching activities are and how frustrating it is to work with the MCPS bureaucracy.

### ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The first item on the agenda of the June 9 Delegates Meeting will be the presentation of the annual Federation awards. The awards are the Star Cup which is presented to a Federation Delegate / committee who has provided outstanding public service on behalf of the county. The Gazette Award is given by the Gazette Newspapers to an individual or group who has contributed significantly to 'community building' in the county. The Sentinel Award is given for a significant contribution to good local government. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn who the recipients are and cheer them on for their accomplishments

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## CIVIL LIBERTIES MOTION TO BE REVISITED

At our last meeting it was moved that we endorse the motion put forth by the Montgomery County Bill of Rights Coalition to urge our elected officials to “actively advocate for the protection of fundamental rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions of the State of Maryland and the United States, as well as the underlying notions of justice; freedom of speech, religion, and assembly; due process; and equality embodied therein.” Almost twice as many delegates voted for the motion as against. However, since over 25% of the delegates present abstained, the motion must be brought up again before it is deemed passed under our rules. This gives us the opportunity to print the motion in the newsletter so delegates will have a chance to give it proper consideration and also allows arguments in the newsletter for and against the motion.

**NOTE:** FOR THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE MOTION SEE PAGE 12

### FOR

#### WHY WE SHOULD PASS THIS MOTION

—by I. Dean Ahmad, Immediate Past President

I write this article in favor of the motion. While there is always a tendency in government to expand its investigative authorities beyond the constitutional limits that protect the civil liberties of citizens and other residents, this problem is especially acute at times of real or perceived security dangers. Remember the role the Reichstag fire played in the betrayal of civil liberties in Germany. In the last ten years we have faced the Oklahoma City bombing and the first and second World Trade Center bombings as well as the attack on the Pentagon. The climate of fear consequent to these acts of violence has resulted in Draconian legislation that goes beyond anything America has witnessed in its history. We now live in a country in which people may be held indefinitely without charge, evidence against them may be kept secret from them and even their attorneys, warrants may be obtained without meeting traditional standards of probable cause. People have “disappeared” as they did in Argentina under the fascists. A successful and beloved doctor in Texas, held without charges, was released only because strong community support demanded his release. Persons with little money and no fame have no such resources to fall back on and their families are left wondering what became of them.

The ACLU has called for local governments to defend Constitutional rights against the onslaught of legislation like the Patriot Act and its threatened successor (Patriot II). People like Mazen El Najjar have been imprisoned for up to four years without charges. When judges have finally become impatient with the government’s lack of interest in providing due process to the victims of such persecution and asked for evidence that they have done something wrong they have been appalled to learn that they have been held on hearsay evidence or less and released them. But for an innocent man to be released after four years is not justice.

Examples of the havoc being wreaked on the lives of ordinary people by this unconstitutional legislation come to light on a regular basis. On the very day this article is being written, the *Washington Post* (May 24, 2003, A 3) published an article “FBI Apology Fails To Dissipate Cloud: Terrorism Suspects Confined on Bogus Tip” by Robert E. Pierre. It recounts how seven innocent men were imprisoned on Oct. 11, 2001, as “material witnesses in maximum security jails without being charged with a crime” on what proved to be a bogus tip by a woman after she had a lover’s quarrel with an eighth man, also innocent, associated with them. While the FBI finally (last month!) issued an apology, the restaurant the men operated has been ruined and their reputations are in tatters. Those who think such things happen only to illegal immigrants take note: the owner of the restaurant was an American citizen. The residents of Evansville, Illinois were shocked that such a thing could happen to their neighbors in their city. We should not be so naive as to think it could not happen here in Montgomery County.

### AGAINST

#### THE ARGUMENT AGAINST THE CIVIL LIBERTIES MOTION: SO MUCH HOT AIR?

—by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

The MCCF will reconsider a motion on civil rights at the June 9th delegates meeting. It should be rejected. Here's why:

The motion has no specifics; it basically reaffirms the U.S. Constitution. OK, fine, but why? What events prompted the motion? Why now? The motion doesn't say.

In debate at last month's delegates meeting, several reasons were given (the Patriot Act and the proposed "Patriot Act II" but, interestingly, not Ruby Ridge), but none appear in the motion. At the May 21 Executive Committee meeting, Ben Franklin was quoted "They that can give up essential liberty

to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." It's a famous quotation, but it's wrong. Everyone deserves safety and liberty even if they sit on their butts all day, watch television, and drink beer. We understand what Franklin was saying: that liberty is precious, and it is, but this statement is over the top. However, I'll work with Franklin. If we are, as Franklin warns, "giving up essential liberty," then what liberties? The motion doesn't say. If allowed to stand on its own, the proposed motion says nothing that current law (it even quotes a passage) and the Constitution do not already say.

The motion even suggests that MCCF should pass it because "many communities throughout the United States recently

have enacted resolutions reaffirming support for civil rights and civil liberties." Oh, really? So Montgomery County would be considered some backwater, ignorant place if the MCCF doesn't jump on this bandwagon that "everyone" is riding? Come on: doing "something" because "everyone else does it" is childish.

This is a feel-good, do-nothing motion and should be rejected. Propose something specific, or, even better, do something specific, and I'll vote for it. But cut out the noise, or more precisely, the repetition.

## ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR JUNE MEETING

**B**ecause we have a contested election this year, voting will be by secret ballot.

Please check the list of civic associations (page 13-14) to make sure that your name is included. Any member organization wishing to change or add delegates to the list (if the organization is entitled to more delegates than they have named in the past) must bring a statement to the meeting signed by the president or a high ranking official of the organization affirming that the delegates listed on that statement do represent that organization. No proxies are allowed and associate members do not vote.

There will be sign in stations on the stage. Voting delegates should sign in and pick up their ballots there according to the alphabetical name of the organization they represent either before the meeting begins or during the break after the awards have been presented. Ballots will be collected after the break for refreshments and announcement of the officers for the coming year will take place later in the meeting.

## LEGISLATIVE CHAIR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

George Sauer, our Legislative Chairman, needs help keeping track of and reporting on proposed and pending state and county legislation. If you can help, please call him at 301-762-7260

## Motion on Olney Master Plan

*by Ken Cusick, Williamsburg Village Civic Association*

**T**he Executive Committee has agreed to having a motion presented at the June meeting to have the MCCF Zoning and Land Use Committee review and comment on the ongoing revision of the Olney Master Plan. This master plan is now being updated by M-NC/PPC with a draft expected to go to the Planning Commission as early as July, 2003.

The Williamsburg Village Civic Association objects to a component of the plan that recommends studying the feasibility of moving the Olney Elementary School from its current, central location to a site off of Bowie Mill Road and redeveloping the present property with a mixed-use project consisting of a community center and possibly commercial and residential uses. Because this proposal has county-wide implications that include disposition of school lands, housing policies and fiscally responsible decision-making, WVCA is asking that MCCF review this portion of the plan and provide testimony to the Planning Board regarding these concerns.

## ANNUAL DUES

It's time to pay annual dues. Membership renewal forms may be downloaded directly from the website at [montgomerycivic.org](http://montgomerycivic.org) or you may use the form printed in this newsletter and send it with your payment to the address of the Membership Chair provided in the form.

## TRANSPORTATION POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

*By Dan Wilhelm and Stan Schiff*

For months we have been discussing major facets of the transportation problem. Now we will bring them all together in an effort to formulate a comprehensive strategy for relieving the growing pressure on our transportation system. On Saturday, June 14, we'll convene at 9:30 AM in the 7th floor conference room in the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville for a discussion aimed at reaching agreement on a series of recommendations to present to the Council and the public. Your attendance will give you an opportunity to help shape those decisions by voting on them.

Project Priorities: In June 2002, MCCF delegates met to vote on a variety of transportation projects that MCCF would support. Each of us also voted on a scale of 1-4 what we felt the priorities should be. The tally of the voting gave the following results summarized by type of project, from highest to lowest priority, and grouped here by whether county funds or state funds would be used:

COUNTY (\$761M)	STATE (\$7069M)
Improve local bus service	Provide public safety improvements on Muncaster Mill and Brookeville Bypass
Provide public transportation for elderly and handicapped	Fund additional Metrorail cars
Make intersection improvements (at grade)	Make intersection improvements (at grade)
Make local road improvements	Build grade separated interchanges
	Build road project that have been designed
	Build new transitways
	Widen I-270
	Make non-interstate road improvements

Improved bus service includes many items including purchasing more buses and creating a grid routing system between transfer nodes along major roads and feeder buses into neighborhoods, employment and activity centers.

At the April 23, 2003 MCCF forum, I suggested county spending for the next 12 years should be \$884M, including projects that the Council has approved. For the state, I recommended \$4600M for the next 12 years, which does not include everything MCCF voted to support. At the County level, I recommend MCCF Delegates support the following additional efforts:

1. Support implementation of "bus queue jumpers" on roads at select intersections. (A queue jumper is an extra right-hand lane at congested intersections that allow buses to reach the head of the line of vehicles stopped at a red signal)
2. Improve signal controls to allow more traffic through some intersections and improve traffic flow during off-peak hours.
3. Add HOV lanes on the Beltway from the I-270 western spur to Virginia, but only when Virginia adds HOV lanes to its portion of the Beltway.

### Growth Management.

Recommend that MCCF support the following policies:

1. Improve balance between jobs and housing within the main regions of the County.
2. Organize growth around transit nodes, both rail and bus.
3. Reduce growth in rural and outer low-density suburban areas.

The first two policies are aimed at reducing commutes by enabling people to live closer to work, making better use of existing roads by balancing directional travel during morning and evening rush hours, and making it easier for people to use transit. The result will be less of an increase in traffic congestion than without these measures.

New Regional Organization. At the direction of the County Council, the Planning Board is now working on a revision of the existing Annual Growth Policy (AGP). Of critical importance, the AGP has failed in its basic purpose of reconciling the pace of development with the supply of transportation infrastructure and school capacity. Our aim is to try to ensure that the new AGP will do what it is supposed to -- an aim more easily asserted than achieved.

There is ample reason to believe that because of the profound changes within the Baltimore/D.C. region, of which we are a major part but by no means isolated or autonomous, the current AGP is no longer capable of coping with the demographic and economic forces affecting the county. Because these forces originate in part outside the county, they are beyond the control of the AGP and must be dealt with within a larger regional framework.

Our recommendation, for which we seek your endorsement, is to sponsor a roundtable discussion among a small group of knowledgeable people to get their ideas about the need for a new regional organization, the principle function of which would be manage growth on a regional basis. If they share our views, we would invite other civic and business groups to join us in drafting a proposal for presentation to local governments.

The County's Main Street. 27 miles long, our Main Street (Route 355) has four names -- Wisconsin Ave, Rockville Pike, Hungerford Drive and Frederick Ave. Three separate jurisdictions preside over its fortunes; none can take pride in

the results of their stewardship. The consequence has been aesthetic ugliness, unplanned and uncoordinated development and mounting congestion, all day every day. The Planning Board has initiated a "framework study" of the entire I-270 corridor of which Rt. 355 constitutes a major part. Their intention is to use the findings from this study to help shape the master plans that lie along the route – the Shady Grove sector plan, Gaithersburg vicinity and Germantown Master Plans and the Twinbrook sector plan.

Our overarching concern is that this neglected road be given serious and sustained attention by county government. Among our more specific concerns:

1. Achieving coherent and well coordinated development and redevelopment;
2. A comprehensive strategy which integrates transportation, economic development, land use, housing, parks and open space;
3. The establishment of a growth management approach to the corridor including an overall target of jobs and housing and a realistic goal for traffic management;
4. Priority to be assigned to the preparation of an inventory of major projects under construction, approved or included in master plans together with an assessment of their impact on traffic, land prices and rents;
5. Priority to the study and funding of graded intersections recommended by the Transportation Policy Task Force and serious attention to pedestrian safety in the design of those interchanges as well as along the length of the corridor;
6. Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) represent a promising way of concentrating both residential and business development within easy reach of Metro stations, but the impact of such development must be carefully gauged so that it does not have disruptive effects on both Rt. 355 and neighboring communities.

We ask that you agree to our pursuing the general ideas outlined above.

Transportation Demand Management: TDM encompasses a wide variety of measures that improve transportation efficiency without major infrastructure investments. The emphasis is on identifying and promoting alternatives to driving alone. Among the measures for which we ask your support are the following:

- 1 - Intensification of the county government's efforts to encourage more employers to offer employees a transit fare benefit combined with making employers more aware of the Maryland tax credit, which saves employers the cost of providing the benefit.
- 2 - To assist the Council of Governments (COG) region in coping with serious air pollution problems, the county's representative to COG should recommend the adoption region-wide of a gradually increasing parking fee for all employees who now receive free parking from their employers. The gradual increase over a period of perhaps three years would give employees an opportunity to make

adjustments in their travel and to would give public authorities time to add the additional transit facilities that might become necessary to meet the increased demand.

3 - A variety of improvements to make bus riding a much more attractive and accessible option than it now is.

Funding: The approach to funding and building the above projects needs to be viewed over the long term. History tells us that our economy runs in cycles, both strong and weak. We, therefore, need to look and plan past this financially difficult period to a future when conditions and budgets should improve.

The County Executive has developed a Go Montgomery Program that would require the County to spend \$1 billion by 2015. Some of these funds would be for parks and road maintenance. At the April 23, 2003 MCCF forum, Dan Wilhelm suggested that County spending for the next 12 years should be \$884M. Mr. Duncan suggests spending about \$10.2 billion in the county from state funds but has not suggested any revenue source over the expected \$1.2 billion with current funding levels. Many of the state projects are important for addressing congestion in Montgomery County. For the state, Dan Wilhelm recommends \$4.6 billion over the next 12 years, an amount which will not be adequate to cover everything MCCF voted to support.

To fund the projects included in the above improvement categories, additional funds are needed at both county (\$308M) and state (\$3417M) levels. The present development impact tax as approved will provide some \$60M. The update to the AGP could add even more. While none of us like paying taxes, some of us are to the point that congestion is more painful. Dan Wilhelm suggests that MCCF support the following adjustments in taxes:

- **Enact again the vehicle registration tax of \$35 per vehicle that was approved by the state legislature but vetoed. This time use it for state projects rather than County projects.**
- **Increase the gasoline tax to be used by the state projects in Montgomery County**
- **Dedicate the recently enacted property tax to transportation and use 2 cents of the rate for state projects and the other 3 cents for county projects**

These measures would add \$692M by 2015 to the state (still \$2.7B short) and \$482M to the county coffers. Hopefully some additional federal funding will be secured for some of the larger projects.

**We Need Your Support  
Renew Your Membership  
Today!**

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## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT:***

*Dear Friends,*

*Well, it's June, and that means I have had the honor of being the Civic Federation's president for a year. June is also the month when we recognize those in this organization and in the broader community who have made significant contributions to the quality of life we enjoy in Montgomery County. I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual awards meeting on June 9 when we will show our appreciation for their hard work. It should be as happy an occasion as our holiday reception in December.*

*This past year has been very interesting and challenging for me, a learning experience I would not have missed for anything in the world. It has been a year of successes as well as frustrations and disappointments. Among the successes I must start with the efforts of Dan Wilhelm, our Transportation Committee Chair, and Stan Schiff. After serving for two years on the county's Transportation Policy Review (TPR) task force, attending over 100 meetings (that's Stan's count) and organizing three special forums for MCCF on transportation issues (two past and one to take place on June 14), we look forward to the culmination of their work; the production of a comprehensive transportation strategy which we can all agree to support. Once this has been approved, we must all work to present, educate and garner support for our approach with as many of our member organizations as possible. By doing this we may help begin to deal constructively with the problem of transportation congestion.*

*Thanks to Dale Tibbitts, chair of the sub-committee on Election Reform, we have a working outline with which to start addressing a number of troubling issues arising from the last elections. Dale hopes to have a full report ready by September, and our September program will be on one very hopeful approach to publicly funding election campaigns at the state level.*

*The sub-committee on Housing, chaired by Sarah Gilligan, has begun to look at this complex and emotion-laden topic. Our goal is to learn as much as possible about the issue, and about the "affordable housing crisis" in particular. Then, we must be creative and develop a strategy to retain as much as possible of our existing stock of affordable housing, to find ways of enlarging that stock without undermining master plans or creating development which exceeds the resources required to keep up with construction of infrastructure and services. Finding a formula that will allow those who work in Montgomery County to also be able to afford to live here will be a great challenge. With the participation of many and without unnecessary attacks by special interest groups, we hope to meet that challenge.*

*With all the positive aspects to this past year, I feel compelled to speak about two of the negatives. First, we must remember that the job of the Federation has never been and most likely never will be an easy one. We will be criticized and characterized in unflattering ways by people who benefit from divisions within our ranks. Those with narrow special interests may particularly wish to stifle or weaken our collective voice by the process of "divide and conquer". We must not let this happen to us.*

*And last, civic advocacy, no matter what the issue, sometimes brings out personal passions. Sometimes we become overwhelmed by the dynamics of the moment. We must each remember to treat each other, and those we oppose, with the respect and consideration we would wish to receive in turn. During the coming year I will do my best to make the Civic Federation a kinder (but not necessarily gentler), more productive organization in which we will all give our best and support each other with respect and consideration.*

*Cary Lamari*

## Mark Your Calendars

- Saturday, June 14 Special Delegates Meeting on Transportation Issues, 9:30 a.m., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Council Office Building (see article, page )
- Thursday, June 19 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45 p.m. Room 105, Old Brick Courthouse
- Thursday, July 17 Summer Brainstorming and Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m., home of Peggy Dennis. All member association presidents and delegates invited
- Thursday, August 21 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45 p.m. Room 105, Old Brick Courthouse
- Monday, September 8 Delegates Meeting, 7:45 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, COB, Program on Public Financing for Election Campaigns

## VIERS MILL CROSSING OPTIONS

*By Richard Pritchard – Environment Chair*

In 2002, the Civic Federation agreed to support a request from M-NC/PPC trail planners to the State Highway Administration asking for fence screens along the recently constructed bridge where Norbeck Road crosses the Northwest Branch.

Bob DeGroot of the Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation (MAGIC ) has asked for our support in a similar issue: the proposed construction of a pedestrian bridge across Viers Mill Road in the Aspin Hill area. This bridge will augment the Rock Creek hiker-biker trail and join the upper and lower Rock Creek trail sections. Bob notes, however, that the pedestrian bridge will not help wild life safely cross Viers Mill Road. A member of M-NC/PPC has suggested the addition of a gabion walkway in the stream tunnel near the proposed pedestrian bridge and fences along both sides of the road. Together the gabion walkways and fences will funnel wildlife under the road allowing for safe migration and reducing the problem of road kill.

This issue was discussed at the May 21 Executive Committee meeting and approved by the board as being substantially the same as the issue previously approved. I

will offer a motion to affirm the ExComm's approval at the June 9 Delegate's meeting.

## ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*By Richard Pritchard – Environment Chair*

Volunteers are needed by several organizations during the coming months:

M-NC/PPC has a "Weed Warrior" program which trains volunteers to identify and eradicate invasive, alien plants such as English ivy, Japanese barberry, and "mile a minute" from our County parks. This training benefits homeowners by teaching them to identify and eliminate such plants from their own lawns and gardens. Weed Warriors usually take responsibility for eliminating invasives in a park near their residence and they choose their own days and hours of work. They are also given distinctive T-shirts and headgear. Call Carol Bergman at 301-495-2504 for more information.

The Maryland Native Plant Society has a similar program to remove English ivy from the Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park. Volunteers meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10 AM in the Woodmoor/Four Corners area. Contact Jane Osborne at 301 754-1564 for additional information and directions.

Brookside Gardens is a unique part of the Wheaton Regional Park. Volunteers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Visitors Center Information Desk to help with a variety of tasks. Later arrivals can obtain a map to the work area. Contact Cheryl Beagle at 301-962-1413 or by e-mail at [cheagle@mncppc.state.md.us](mailto:cheagle@mncppc.state.md.us) for additional information and directions.

Audubon Naturalist Society volunteers meet at the Wooden Sanctuary every second Saturday of the month at 10:00AM. Bring gloves and tools such as clippers, bow saws and loppers. Call 301-652-9199, ext. 30 for directions.

The Legacy Open Space (LOS) Advisory Committee needs new members. The mission of the LOS is to protect natural and cultural resources including mature forests, endangered plants and wild life, and important historical and archeological sites; improve water and air quality; and provide for public access to acquired green space by developing trails for hikers, equestrians and bicyclists. The Advisory Committee meets several times during the year, participates in public events associated with development projects, and contributes to obtaining public input on future parks and historical and environmentally valuable land acquisitions. Contact John Turgeon, LOS Senior Planner at 301-650-4361 for more information.

## ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER - KEEP IT UP!

--by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

Last spring, the MCCF began a pilot program of electronically distributing the Newsletter via the website with an email reminder about its availability. Member organizations were given the option of getting the Newsletter directly off the website and paying lower annual dues. Both the member organizations and MCCF save money this way. This program has a sunset clause in it. The program will be dropped if the delegates do not vote to continue it.

I will move the following motion at the June Delegates Meeting: The MCCF continues its program of electronic distribution of the Civic Federations News until the delegates affirmatively vote its discontinuance.

Justification: this program saves time, volunteer work and money. It's also faster, more timely, and should therefore be retained. Any delegate may still receive the paper Newsletter in addition to the electronic version if their organization chooses to pay the higher dues. The association is charged for the paper/snail mail copy, and that's fair. But for those delegates for which email is quite satisfactory, why waste money? Any problems (I can't imagine there are any, since email is generally reliable, I am the one responsible for emailing the newsletter, and I rarely have any Newsletters returned to me) are the result of poor communication. This is a separate issue, and one that can be addressed separately.

## DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES MAY 12, 2003

Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President, Cary Lamari calls meeting to order at 7:46 with introductions of those present.

### Announcements.

Thursday, May 15, Park and Planning is having a public forum on APG "Policy Element." A link to this proposed policy is posted on the MCCF website.

### Agenda

MC Civil Liberties is added under Old Business. Add MCCF's representative to the CFM under New Business. Agenda is adopted.

Minutes. Jim Humphrey offers two changes to the minutes of April 14, 2003 as printed in the May Newsletter: (1)

Under the heading *ZTA 03-06*, the first two sentences should read: "Metro Station traffic Policy Areas are affected. LCOR would avoid a traffic impact for rezoning study." (2) Under *Affordable Housing Sub-Committee*, the motion (which passed unanimously) should read "**that the County Council take no legislative action on Housing Montgomery initiatives until the MCCF and the citizens of Montgomery County have been given sufficient time to consider their proposals.**" Minutes are approved as amended.

*Community Hero Award.* Cary presents the award to Rosey Poole, who was unable to attend.

*Program.* Education Forum presided by MCCF Education Committee chair Mark Adelman. Panelists: Valerie Ervin (staff of Councilmember George Leventhal), John Hoven (Gifted & Talented Association), and Abbey Schneider (a County high school teacher; member, Coalition of Essential Schools). Ms. Ervin begins: the County has a dual-school system. Not all children have equal access. Plays a video tape of a student and his description of how the school's honor program had not helped him in terms of exposure to ethnic diversity. The lack of minority students has not helped his understanding of race. The student had no African-American counterparts in his 11<sup>th</sup> grade English class. The number of identified gifted/talented students is disproportionate. Mr. Hoven: wants an advanced curriculum for any student that wants it. The lowest quartile of Maryland students read at the second-grade level. Distributes examples of 1<sup>st</sup> grade MCPS curriculum that use descriptive activities. This avoids real education. MCPS has chosen a curriculum that uses engaging student activities that don't help students learn, as opposed to real learning. In Maryland, a third of the students are identified as gifted/talented. Ms. Schneider: invites the audience to take a deep breath, stretch, and clinch hands. She describes her story. 6 years teaching, 5 in MC, currently teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She has the same students all day, an unusual circumstance in MCPS. Teachers pair-up, such as English and history. Asks the audience what the definition of "equality" is. Receives various answers. MCPS policy limits the number of students in an English class, but not history, social studies, etc.

Q/A. Dean Ahmad: What is MCPS's motivation? Hoven: Believes that MCPS educators (1) have a deep compassion for low achievers, and (2) believe that some students are not capable of learning. Jerry Garson: Should the U.S. have the same curriculum? Hoven: No. Schneider: No, but national standards help. Q: Given seemingly fundamental agreement, why aren't the panelists working together? A: Ervin: She likes some of GTA's ideas. Q: Bob Abrams. Some students in elementary schools are not taught multiplication tables. Why not? A: Ervin. Sometimes, educational trends affect curriculum, such as in spelling. Q: Early childhood education is key. Got to build from the bottom up. A. Hoven: the average in MC is very high. What MCPS could do is much more than what it is doing now. Q: There should

be linkages between curriculums. A. Schneider: Our students need information-age curriculum. Using a calculator may obviate the need for multiplication tables [some audience members express disagreement]. Q: Jorge Ribas. Came from a poor background, yet still feels he got a good education. Q: Dan Parr. What if 97% of students were identified as "gifted and talented"? A: Ervin. Agrees. Q: Chuck Lapinski... A: Schneider. More employees of MCPS are not teachers than are. Ervin. Agrees there is too much bureaucracy. Q: George Sauer. What about students that have difficulty learning? A: Schneider. It's up to the teacher to meet their students where they are.

*Transportation Policy Forum* ideas. Peggy Dennis: Get biggest bang for the buck. Marvin: The annual Growth Policy must be addressed. Cary: Should the MCCF take a position on a maximum growth limit?

*Nominating Committee.* A proposed slate of officers was printed in the May Newsletter. Jorge Ribas nominates Jim Humphrey for district 1 vice-president. Three seconds. Charles Wolfe nominates Fifa Northrop for district 1 vice-president. Three seconds. Motion to close nominations passes on voice vote. The election of officers will take place at the June delegates meeting.

*Elections Reform Resolution.* Dale Tibbitts, chair of MCCF's ad-hoc Committee on Election Reforms. Moves resolution as printed in the May Newsletter, page 5: "the MCCF supports changing the County Council representation to 9 single-member districts and 0 at-large members. The legal redistricting population of each district shall not exceed 100,000. The number of districts shall be an odd number." Seconded. Dean Ahmad moves that the motion be divided. Seconded. Motion to divide passes 19-3-1. Motion on the floor is now that the **MCCF supports changing the County Council representation to 9 single-member councilmanic districts and 0 at-large members.** Seconded. Some feel this motion is a reaction to the last election; others feel it will better represent the citizenry. Motion passes 26-4-1. Now the second part of the original motion: The MCCF supports a requirement that the legal redistricting population of each district shall not exceed 100,000 and that the number of districts shall be an odd number. Some feel too many council members will become unwieldy. Some feel more council members will be necessary to adequately represent its citizens. Motion fails 13-13-5. Public financing (another aspect of election reform which was not discussed at this meeting) will be in the committee's report.

*Housing committee.* Dick Kauffunger. Suggests a moratorium on the buyout of MPDUs. Lack of affordable housing is a problem.

Old business.

*Civil liberties.* Deborah Volmer, Montgomery County Bill of Rights Coalition. Moves that the MCCF urge the County

Council to pass a resolution in support of civil liberties. Seconded. A paper copy of the resolution was distributed, and was and is also posted on MCCF's website. Discussion ensues. Some feel we must remind the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government that our civil liberties are at risk; that non-U.S. citizens are entitled to the same rights as U.S. citizens; that we risk similar treatment in foreign countries that we may visit. Others feel that under the circumstances [this secretary senses this means post-2001-09-11], we cannot be accused of violations of civil rights when all we want is safety. Still others feel the motion is vague and non-specific. Motion fails 13-7-7 (because of affirmative-majority rules: the number of yeas must exceed the number of nays and abstentions).

New business.

*MCCF representation to the Committee For Montgomery.* Luella Mast moves that the MCCF sitting president or his designee shall be the representative to the CFM. Seconded. Motion passes on voice vote with 2 abstentions.

Meeting adjourns at 10:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Zierdt

## EXCOMM MEETING MINUTES

### MAY 21, 2003

*Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary*

MCCF President, Cary Lamari, calls meeting to order at 7:48 pm. A quorum is present.

Rosie Poole accepts the Community Hero Award for May.

Agenda is adopted by voice vote.

Minutes of ExComm meeting, April 24, 2003 accepted on voice vote.

*Membership Report.* Dean Ahmad reads a report written by Membership Chair, Fifa Northrup. Recommends that a new directory be produced. Dan Wilhem offers to work on the database for a year. Richard Zierdt moves that the MCCF continue the electronically-distributed newsletter program. Seconded. No vote is taken. Instead, Richard will write an article for the June Newsletter, and a vote will be taken at the June delegates meeting.

*Education Committee.* Mark Adelman. Everyone congratulates Mark on the well-organized and executed education forum on May 12. Dean feels that the education program in May shows that a forum on larger educational issues in Montgomery County is warranted.

*Treasurer's Report.* Luella Mast. Distributes report. \$7,469.63 total cash assets.

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*Environment Committee.* Charles Pritchard. Discusses a proposed a bridge across Viers Mill Road near Aspen Hill Road. Dick Kauffunger moves that the Executive Committee support an animal passageway using the existing tunnel under Viers Mill Road (a way for animals to transverse the road) and that such support be brought before the MCCF delegates in June. Seconded. Passes on voice vote.

*Land Use.* Ken Cusick, secretary of the Williamsburg Village Civic Association speaks. There is a plan to relocate the current Olney Elementary School on Georgia Avenue to another location on Bowie Mill Road, demolish the existing school and redevelop the Georgia Avenue property. The present school underwent a \$5.6 million renovation in 1990, is ideally located and provides the only green space in the town center. MCPS opposes any reuse of the school. Proposed reuse would be a community center, but the scope seems to be larger, possibly including high density affordable housing. Bob Abrams moves that this issue be put on the delegates meeting agenda in June. Dean seconded. Richard feels this is micro-management; as long as procedures aren't violated, the MCCF cannot get involved in every dispute. Mark feels all sides should be heard. Luella feels that Olney has been shafted too many times. Motion passes 11-1-0.

*Electoral process reform.* Peggy Dennis for Dale Tibbitts. "Clean Money, Clean Elections" model Maryland State legislation. Peggy proposes that this issue be the MCCF program in September. Seconded. Jorge Ribas suggests the MCCF wait until the summer brainstorming session. Mark urges someone with opposing views be present at the program. Passes on voice vote.

Dick Kauffunger: what about County Council packet of information? Is anyone receiving this? [This secretary senses not.]

*Summer Brainstorming meeting.* Peggy offers Thursday, July 17 at her home with pot luck supper at 6:30 pm. Business meeting to begin at 7:30 pm.

*Transportation Committee.* Stan Schiff. The Transportation Committee's forum will be re-broadcast four times on MC television (channel 6). Stan has scheduled a special business meeting of the MCCF on Saturday, June 14, 2003, 10 AM, at the County Council building, 7<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room to vote on transportation policy and so moves. Seconded. Passes on voice vote.

Dan Wilhelm (and for Jerry Garson): Dan moves that the MCCF ExComm support federal legislation that would remove the federal penalty if the State of Maryland removes the HOV lane restriction on the I-270 spurs in Montgomery County. No other roads are affected. Seconded. Discussion ensues. Some feel that this issue should be studied first with opposing views. Dan withdraws his motion.

*Civil Liberties discussion.* Cary Lamari. Feels we may be missing the importance of the Bill of Rights and due process. Cary moves that the issue be brought back to the delegation in June. Seconded. (The motion failed at the May delegates meeting). Some feel this is very important issue. Others agree the issue is important, but that the motion is nebulous and not specific. Passes 8-3-1.

*June voting process.* Luella Mast. Moves that the elections in June be by ballot. 3 persons from the nominating committee would count the ballots. Seconded. Passes 9-3-0. Peggy moves that a complete list of paid-up delegates as of June 1, 2003 be produced and that only members on the list will be eligible to vote and that the list be printed in the Newsletter. Seconded. Passes 6-3-2.

*June Awards Meeting.* Dick Kauffunger. Five meetings of the committee were held. One issue was the importance of the accomplishments of public officials who have subsequently left office. Committee recommends that the group Neighbors for a Better Montgomery be chosen for the Sentinel Award. Passes 10-0-2. The committee recommends that the group ARC of Montgomery County receive the Gazette Award for outstanding public service. It was a very difficult job choosing from so many groups and individuals who have contributed to the betterment of Montgomery County. Passes 11-0-0. The Committee discussed whether or not public officials such as Blair Ewing, Nancy Dacek, Connie Morella, and Ike Leggett should receive an acknowledgement. Bob Abrams moves that all four be given a Certificate of Recognition. Seconded. Vote is 6-6-0. Cary votes yea, thus the motion passes 7-6-0. Charles Wolff moves that these awards (Certificate of Recognition) be given at the December reception. Seconded. Passes 9-2-0. Star Cup. Dick Kauffunger moves that the Star Cup be awarded to Dan Wilhem for his transportation work and to Jorge Ribas for his two-year service as MCCF president. There is some discussion, and the ExComm votes that the Star Cup be awarded to both men.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Zierdt, recording secretary

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIL  
LIBERTIES RESOLUTION**

**PRESENTED BY THE MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY BILL OF RIGHTS COALITION**

WHEREAS, we, the residents of Montgomery County, Maryland recognize that the diversity of our population is vital to our community's character, and that we have a tradition of protecting and expanding human rights and civil liberties protections for all of our residents, including non-citizens and immigrants; and

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WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees certain fundamental rights including freedom of religion, speech, assembly and privacy; protection from unreasonable searches and seizures; due process and equal protection to any person; equality before the law and the presumption of innocence; access to counsel in judicial proceedings; and the right to a fair, speedy and public trial; and

WHEREAS, Article 44 of the Maryland Constitution Declaration of Rights states "That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply, as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government and tends to anarchy and despotism"; and

WHEREAS, human rights protections in Montgomery County have been strengthened and expanded by the passage in August 2001 of additions to Montgomery County Code establishing the Commission on Human Rights and the Office of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, many communities throughout the United States recently have enacted resolutions reaffirming support for civil rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County affirms that efforts to end terrorism and ensure security should be undertaken while preserving the civil rights and liberties of the residents of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the civil rights and liberties of the residents of Montgomery County are precious and may be threatened by overzealous efforts to ensure security.

Therefore be it resolved, that we hereby urge that, to the extent legally permissible:

Our State Representatives and Senators, as well as our United States Congresspersons and Senators, actively advocate for the protection of fundamental rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions of the State of Maryland and the United States, as well as the underlying notions of justice; freedom of speech, religion, and assembly; due process; and equality embodied therein.

All County officials and employees continue to respect all residents' freedoms of speech, religion, and assembly, and right to privacy, in keeping with our County's distinguished practice of protecting human rights.

All individuals and private organizations within the County, including residents, employers, educators and business owners, exercise similar respect for the civil liberties and civil rights of others.

All County officials and employees maintain and foster the trust of Montgomery County's immigrant communities.

Any federal or state law enforcement officials acting within Montgomery County work in accordance with the policies

and procedures of Montgomery County and continue to preserve the fundamental constitutional rights of all County residents.

[Comments by Dean Ahmad] Regarding our esteemed secretary's concerns that the original motion is not specific enough, I would be pleased to amend the original motion by adding the language from the version passed by the Hawaii legislature (adapted for Maryland).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Maryland's Congressional delegation be urged to work to repeal any sections of the USA Patriot Act or recent executive orders that limit or violate fundamental rights and liberties protected by the Constitutions of Maryland and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent legally possible, no state resources – including law enforcement funds and educational administrative resources – may be used for unconstitutional activities, including but not limited to the following under the USA Patriot Act:

- (1) Monitoring political and religious gatherings exercising their First Amendment Rights;
- (2) Obtaining library records, bookstore records, and website activities without proper authorization and without notification;
- (3) Issuing subpoenas through the United States Attorney's Office without a court's approval or knowledge;
- (4) Requesting nonconsensual releases of student and faculty records from public schools and institutions of higher learning; and
- (5) Eavesdropping on confidential communications between lawyers and their clients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Maryland's delegation in the United States Congress.

**ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS  
ANNUAL AWARDS  
JUNE 9  
BE THERE!**

## SAMPLE BALLOT FOR JUNE 9 ELECTION

*By Peggy Dennis, Newsletter Editor*

There will be two candidates for District 1 Vice-President. The election for this office only will be done by ballot. A sample ballot is reproduced below to familiarize delegates with the format before they come to elect next year's officers on Monday, June 9.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

DISTRICT 1 VICE-PRESIDENT  
(VOTE FOR ONE NOMINEE)

- JIM HUMPHREY**
  
- FIFA NORTHROP**

## CIVIC FED INTERVIEWS CANDIDATES FOR MC PLANNING BOARD

*--by Jorge Ribas, Past President*

**A** Civic Federation Committee chaired by Stuart Rochester interviewed three of the four Planning Board finalists on Tuesday, May 27. Robert Smith and Meredith Wellington were interviewed for the Republican vacancy on the Board. Gayle Libby Curtiss, an Independent, was also interviewed. Democratic incumbent Wendy Perdue had a previous obligation that prevented her from participating.

The Civic Federation was impressed with all three applicants it interviewed. The panel came away with a high regard for Mr. Smith—both his record and his manner and thoughtfulness in the interview. He would make a superb candidate for a future opening on the Board. *But the panel believes that Commissioner Wellington deserves reappointment and that from the standpoint of balance and continuity her reappointment is critical to the Planning Board's success and credibility.*

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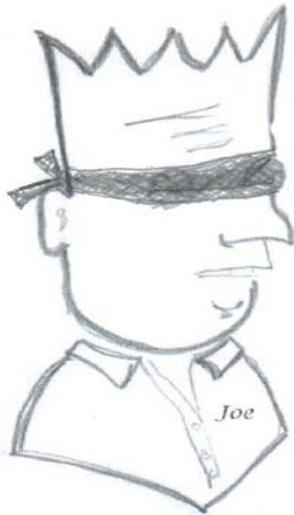
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# MEMBER ORGANIZATION AND DELEGATES

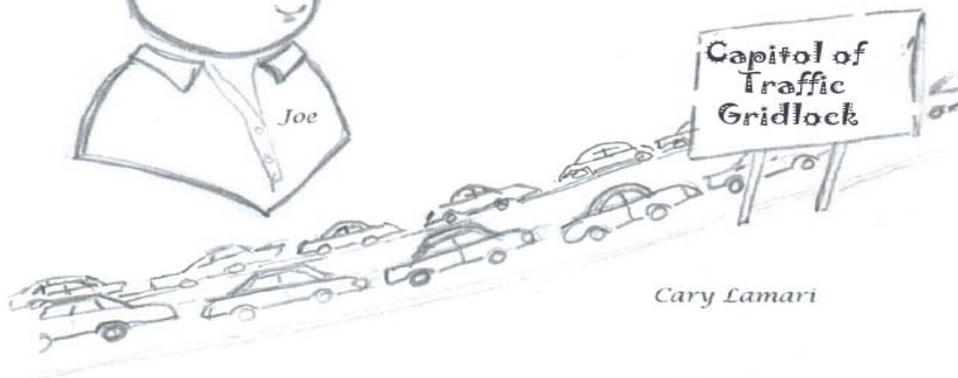
ORGANIZATION	NO. DEL	DELEGATES
Aspen Hill Civic Association	3	Bell, Melvin/ Leighton, Charles/ Polinsky, David
Avenel Community Association, Inc.	3	Warsaw, Robin
Bannockburn Civic Association	3	Shipman, Lee W./ Trick, Nancy
Bradley Boulevard Citizen Association	4	Kauskay, Linda/ Sando, Jack C/ Smolen, Jason D./ Zweig, Max W.
Cabin John Citizens Association	4	Barnhard, Gary/ Gray, Burr/ Heflin, Larry/ Wilmarth, Bruce
Carderock Springs Citizens Association, Inc.	3	Deyo, Lisa Wilcox/ Head, Malcolm/ Stevenson, Malcolm
Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Association	3	Lewis, Bill/ Thomsen, Carl T.
Clarksburg Civic Association	2	Howie, Steve/ Strombotne, Dick
Congressional Forest Community Association	2	Boykin, Barbara/ Thomas, Fred C.
East Bethesda Citizens Association, Inc.	4	Hantman, Isaac/ Hayes, Jack/ Klein, Winifred S./ Shine, William
Edgemoor Citizens Association	2	Humphrey, Jim/ Stevenson, Lisa
Elm Street, Oakridge and Lynn Civic Association	2	Mitchell, Roger/ Stunkel, Carol
Fallsmead Homes Corporation	2	Geils, Ed/ Henschel, Cindy
Fox Hills West Citizens Association	2	Basta, Milan/ Nelson, Ralph
Glen Echo Heights Citizens Association	2	Efron, David/ Star, Carol
Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Coalition	4	Shesser, Ira/ Taylor, Jerry/ Vollmer, Deborah/ Warnock, John A.
Greater Colesville Citizens Association, Inc.	4	Lapinski, Chuck./ Mast, Luella/ Michaels, Dave/ Wilhelm, Dan
Greater Goshen Civic Association	2	Arkoian, Rosemary/ Bell, Bonnie
Greater Goshen Civic Association	2	Bell, Bonnie
Greater Olney Civic Association	3	Peck, Roy/ Rosenheim, Helene I/ Smet, Steve
Grosvenor Park Condominium Citizens Assn, Inc.	4	Arshawsky, Harriet
Hillandale Citizens Association	4	Balfe, Kevin/ Crannell, Hell/ Finnegan, Eileen/ Ram, David
Kensington Heights Citizens Association	3	Adelman, Mark/ Goldstein, Wayne
Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.	4	Berney, Richard/ Chaletzky, Linda/ Hamso, Ingrid/ Stone, Herbert
Layhill South Citizens Association	2	Johnson, Susan/ Schrader, William M.
Long Branch Neighborhood Initiative	4	Fisher, Joseph/ Johnson, Jim/ Lafen, Peter/ Richardson, Carol
Maplewood Citizens Association, Inc.	2	Gilligan, Sarah/ Myers, Allen
Maryknoll Citizens Association	2	Casale, Gerard/ Meer, Wendy
Norbeck Citizens Association	2	Lamari, Cary/ Scholfield, Lyle
Norbeck Meadows Civic Association	2	Keyserling, Charles M./ Ortiz, Eduardo
North Hills of Sligo Civic Association	2	Benavides, Jamie/ Tibbitts, Dale A.
Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association	4	Pritchard, Charles
Old Farm Civic Association	3	Brenitz, Dan/ Camus, Brian/ Northrop, Fifi
Olde Coach Square Homeowners Association	2	Hudson, James W./ Weil, Nancy
Parkview Citizens Association	2	Bever, Renate/ Vogt, Timothy
Potomac Manors II	2	Conway, Bill
Randolph Civic Association, Inc.	4	Kline, Kevin/ Shore, Matthew/ White, Eileen/ Zierdt, Richard
Regency Estates Citizens Association	4	Garson, Jerry/ Kavounis, Andrew/ Levin, David/ Wydro, William
Riverhill HOA	2	Guest, Linda/ Tiernan, John
Riverhill HOA	2	Tiernan, John
Seven Oaks-Evanswood Citizens Association	4	Camer, Richard/ Cavanaugh, Jean/ Conklin, Elizabeth/ Wolff, Charles
Sligo Park Hills Citizens Association	2	Cahill, Maura/ McDermott, Bill
Stonegate Citizens Association	3	Dunkins, Bruce/ Sherman, John/ Sherman, Lois

Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Association	4	Bea, Charles R./ Bea, Linda/ Bronstein, Max W./ Hammond, Lilla
The Preserves @ Smalls Nursery HOA	2	Weiler, Jeffrey/ Weisner, Michael
The Wisconsin Council of Unit Owners	2	Brown, David H./ Levant, Mike
Tilden Woods Citizens Association	2	MacLarren, Margaret D./ Vogel, Marta
Tulip Hill Citizens Association	2	Clarke, Lenore L./ Jones, Robert R.
Valencia Civic Association	2	Miller, Judith/ Riffkin, Marilyn
Warfield Lane Preservation Committee	2	Cummings, Pat/ Komorous, Eduardo
West Bradley Citizens Association	3	Frank, Steve/ Koenig, Carl S./ Vogelgesang, Sandy
West Montgomery County Citizens Association	2	Conway, Diana/ Dennis, Peggy
Westmoreland Citizens Association	3	Finkelstein, Amy
Wheaton Citizens Coalition	2	Abrams, Robert/ Fryer, Marian M.
Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association	2	Jabon-Clark, Deborah/ Rubin, Joan
Wildwood Manor Citizens Association	3	Kurkjian, Alan/ Mobley, Ms. Claire/ Poritzky, Selma
Williamsburg Village Civic Association	4	Cusick, Ken/ Kerekes, Betty
Willows and Neighbors Citizens Association	4	DeGraba, Carol/ DeGraba, Thomas J./ Feldman, Jim/ Tuten, Dan
Woodside Civic Association	2	Brookhart, Sarah
Woodside Park Civic Association Inc.	4	Dolan, Chuck/ Kellner, Nina Bronk

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Individual/Associate	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
Neighborhood Organization	Less than 300		\$45*	2	Yes
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	More than 600		\$85*	4	
Umbrella Organization	Less than 500		\$45*	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$65*	3	
	More than 1000		\$85*	4	
Municipality (Town/City)	(any size)		\$85*	2	No
Business Associate	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No
Nonprofit Organization	(not applicable)		\$45*	2	No
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*Delegates Meetings*  
**Monday, June 9 – 7:45 p.m.**

**First Floor Auditorium  
County Council Office Bldg.,  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

**AGENDA:**

- 7:45 Call to order, Cary Lamari presiding
- 7:50 Announcements and introductions
- 7:55 Adoption of agenda / Approval of minutes
- 8:05 Program: Annual Awards
  - Star Cup to Federation Delegate or Committee
  - Gazette Award for Outstanding Service to Citizens of the County
  - Sentinel Award for Contribution to Good Government
- 8:35 Refreshments
- 9:05 Old Business/ Officers Reports
- 9:15 Election Reform sub-committee
- 9:20 Housing sub-committee
- 9:25 New business
  - Olney Master Plan
  - Election/announcement of new officers
- 9:45 Adjournment

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**Next Executive Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, June 19, 2003, 7:45 p.m.

**Red Brick Courthouse**

29 Courthouse Square, Rockville

(Note: there is free parking in front of the courthouse.)

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