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November Program: Police Chief Manger by Chuck Floyd, Public Safety Committee Chairman

Chief Tom Manger, Montgomery County's Chief of Police, will be the featured speaker for at our November 12 meeting. Chief Manger will provide a power point briefing and update to the community on law enforcement, new programs and strategies, community and school policing efforts. He will take questions at the end of his briefing.

Chief J. Thomas Manger was sworn in as Montgomery County's Police Chief on January 30, 2004. The Montgomery County Department of Police (MCP) is one of the largest police departments in the State of

Maryland, with more than 1,150 sworn and 550 civilian members serving 950,000 residents.

A Maryland native, Chief Manger attended Montgomery Blair High School and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1976 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. Chief Manger began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Fairfax County (Virginia) Police Department. He rose through the ranks to become Chief of Police in 1998. During his tenure in Fairfax County, Chief Manger received numerous (Continued on p 2)

Around the County

A panel discussion on "Immigration, Jobs, the Economy and the Future" will take place on Thursday **October 25**, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Ground Floor Cafeteria of the County Executive Office Bldg., 101 Monroe St., Rockville. Organized by Democracy for Montgomery County, Tom Perez, Maryland's Secretary of Labor will be the special guest. Free and open to the public.

The Audubon Naturalist Society will have an auction and reception benefiting ACS conservation campaigns on **Friday, November 16**, 6 - 9 p.m. at the ANS Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Cheby Chase. Food from five of the areas top caterers will be served. Cost is \$35 per person in advance or at the door. For further information call 301-652-9188 or contact@audubonnaturalist.org

MCCF is a co-sponsor of the conference on "Clean Water and Streams for Montgomery" being organized by the Montgomery County Stormwater Partners Network. The event is the first countywide watershed stewardship conference, and is set for **Saturday, October 27, 2007**, from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Auditorium at the Montgomery County Council Building in Rockville. Free and open to the public.

Time to Renew Membership by Peggy Dennis, Membership Chairman

The organizations and individual members shown on page 2 need to renew their membership and pay their dues for the 2007-2008 year. Delegates are asked to fill in the Membership Renewal Form from page 11 or download it from our website and give it to your organization's treasurer so that it can be mailed in with the dues check.

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Chief Manger (Continued from p 1) awards including the Silver Medal of Valor. Chief Manger is credited with reorganizing and expanding the Fairfax County Police Department's Community Policing efforts. His commitment to the highest ethical standards for policing and his enactment of new policies to increase departmental accountability earned significant recognition from the community.

Chief Manger is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, the National Executive Institute, the Police Executive Leadership School at the University of Richmond, and the Senior Executive Institute at the

University of Virginia. In 2006, Chief Manger completed the John F. Kennedy School's Program for State and Local government at Harvard University.

Chief Manger is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and serves on the Highway Safety and the Research committees. He is also a member of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the Major City Chiefs Association. Chief Manger serves on various boards and community organizations including MADD, Shelter House Community Partnership Council and the Community Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

Members needing to renew (Continued from p 1)

Action Committee for Transit
 Audubon Naturalist Society
 Boyds C. A.
 Chevy Chase Valley C.A.
 Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
 Edgemore C.A.
 Good Hope Estates C.A.
 Greater Colesville C.A.
 Greater Goshen C.A.
 Indian Spring C.A.
 Kensington Heights C.A.
 Kenwood Park C.A.
 Northwood-Four Corners C.A.
 Montgomery County Taxpayers League
 Preserve at Smalls Nursery
 Randolph C.A.
 Regency Estates C.A.
 Seven Oaks-Evanswood C.A.
 Snowdens Mill H.O.A.
 Springbrook Forest C.A.

Strathmore Bel Pre C.A.
 The Greater Shady Grove Alliance
 Town of Kensington
 Tulip Hill C.A.
 Wheaton C.A.
 Woodside Park C.A.

Sharon Kay Dooley
 Chuck Floyd
 Eric Friedman
 Julie Greenberg
 Lewis Helm
 Kathryn Hopps
 Norman Knopf
 Caren Madsen
 Brian McTigue
 Ben Petree
 Stewart Rochester
 Richard Strombotne
 Jeanne Taylor

Volunteers Sought for Committees

Committee Chairs are needed for the **Education, Housing, and Transportation** committees. Also, the positions of **Recording Secretary, Vice Presidents for Districts 17, 20 and 39, and Parliamentarian** are open and in need of good folks to carry on the work.

2008 Awards Committee. Finding the right people or organizations for MCCF to honor is both a challenge and a pleasure. We call for volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee in the autumn so that there will be ample time to solicit recommendations, research the many different individuals and organizations we might honor, and make our final recommendations at the March Executive Committee meeting. The committee will be nominated by the president, be confirmed at the November Executive Committee meeting, begin work no later than January and complete work in May.

The MCCF has three awards to present at the May 9, 2008 Awards Dinner. The awards are:

- The Sentinel Award, presented to an individual or group for a significant contribution to good government at the local level.
- The Gazette Award, presented to an individual or group who performs exemplary volunteer service for the residents of the county.
- The Star Cup, awarded to a MCCF delegate or committee for outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County.

Nominating Committee. We need at least five delegates to serve on our 2007-2008 Nominating Committee. The committee will be announced in the February Newsletter and elected at the February regular meeting. The committee will propose a slate of nominees in the May newsletter, which means its work

must be completed by April 26. I also suggest everyone be thinking about delegates you would like to see in elective positions and be ready to make suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

Members interested in serving on any of these committees should contact President Wayne Goldstein at 301-942-8079 or waynengoldstein@hotmail.com

The State Budget and the Committee for Montgomery

By Dan Wilhelm, Liaison with Committee for Montgomery

The state of Maryland is facing a \$1.7B structural deficit for next year in the operating budget. Since Maryland must have a balanced budget, the structural deficit means that if the level of spending and income are not changed, there will be a deficit. The state can cut programs or raise more funds or both. They will surely need to do both.

In recent weeks, the Governor has been presenting his ideas through press releases and public speeches. The nature of the final package will be worked out in negotiations between the House, Senate and the Governor, a process that has already started. The Governor has called a special session to start on October 29 to enact a package of changes so the tax increases can begin January 1, 2008. If the package is not enacted until the normal legislation session that starts in January, then additional funds will need to be raised or cuts made.

Since Montgomery County is the economic engine of the state, many will look to the County for much of the increased revenue. Montgomery County is already facing a \$270M short fall for next year, so a reduction in funds coming from the state to the County will hit us hard.

MCCF is one of five civic groups represented on the Committee for Montgomery (CfM), a coalition of forty leaders representing a broad cross-section of Montgomery County business, labor, education, civic, and other community-based organizations. One of CfM's missions is to advocate in Annapolis on issues of importance to Montgomery County and the State, including the state budget.

While its membership is diverse and reflects a broad spectrum of political views, CfM members unite in support of its priorities, which include: education, health and human services, economic and workforce development, fiscal responsibility, transportation and the environment. CfM shapes its state legislative and budget priorities based on its goal of preserving and strengthening Montgomery County and Maryland as a place to live, work and learn. CfM has adopted the following position on the structural deficit and budget priorities as guidance to our elected representatives:

Structural Budget Deficit Statement

“Committee for Montgomery believes solutions to the State’s structural budget deficit should be fair to all interests, provide a basis for sound fiscal decisions in the future, protect vulnerable populations and respect the vital role of Montgomery County as a fiscal and economic engine for the State. With the County already facing a deficit for the coming fiscal year, overly burdensome state income tax increases and cuts to local jurisdictions would harm Montgomery County’s economic vitality and impact our vulnerable populations.

Specifically, Committee for Montgomery supports:

- Revenue and tax measures that are fair and progressive, but not overly burdensome to Montgomery County residents and businesses and provide an equitable distribution of State revenues to Montgomery County
- Savings in state spending achieved by reducing or eliminating non-essential, duplicative or ineffective programs or services.

Committee for Montgomery Opposes:

- Cuts that disproportionately impact distributions to local jurisdictions and to programs that provide vital services to our most vulnerable citizens
- Expansion of gambling through approval of slot machines which represents a regressive form of revenue collection and increases social costs”

Legislative & Budget Priorities: “Committee for Montgomery actively supports the following priorities during the 2008 General Assembly Session and, if called, during a special session in late 2007.

Education : Committee for Montgomery believes that education is the cornerstone for a fair, just, civil and economically viable society. For the coming year, Committee for Montgomery supports:

Full funding of all state K-12 public education required by the “Thornton” legislation, including the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI)

Montgomery County Public School system’s request for capital construction

Full funding for Montgomery College capital budget requests

Increased funding for higher education to limit student tuition increases in both public and private institutions

Health Care: Committee for Montgomery believes that all Marylanders deserve access to quality, affordable health care. For the coming year Committee for Montgomery supports:

Significant increase in Marylanders covered by health insurance through expansion of Medicaid and other existing health care programs

Measures to address and eliminate health disparities

Transportation: Montgomery County faces severe traffic congestion which negatively impacts quality of life. The measures Committee for Montgomery supports to remedy congestion include” (Dan’ note Transportation is not part of the operating budget and its structural deficit)

“ Increased revenue for the State’s Transportation Trust Fund to increase capacity and support maintenance

Funding for State expenditures for road and transit projects contained in the Consolidated Transportation Program and Montgomery County’s transportation priorities list

Economic and Workforce Development: A vibrant, healthy business climate improves the quality of life for all Maryland residents. For the coming year, Committee for Montgomery supports:

Expansion of basic adult education, adult ESOL and literacy services

An overall tax and regulatory climate that is competitive with surrounding jurisdictions

Funding for the Rockville District Courthouse”

If you have any questions about the Committee for Montgomery, log onto the website at www.committeeformontgomery.org, or contact Dan Wilhelm at 301-384-2698

Proposed Positions for MCCF on Selected Tax Items Proposed by the Governor

By Dan Wilhelm, Legislation Chairman

I propose that MCCF take a position at our November meeting on selected items the Governor has proposed (but not yet submitted as legislation). See www.governor.maryland.gov/index.asp for more details and other changes the Governor is proposing.

Income, property and sales taxes. The current income tax top bracket of 4.75% begins at \$3000. When it was last changed, few residents were in that bracket but now almost everyone makes well above \$3000 per year in taxable income. The proposed change would make the rates more progressive so that low and middle income people will pay less and wealthy people will pay more. The current tax rate of 4.75% would apply to earnings between \$15K and \$150K for singles and \$22.5K and \$200K for married. Married people making \$200K-\$500K would pay 6% and those earning more than that would pay 6.5%. Single people making \$150K-\$500K would pay 6% and over that would pay 6.5%.

Both the County and State impose property taxes. The State Property Tax is used for the payment of principal and interest on State bonds. The proposed change would reduce the State tax rate by 3 cents from the current 11.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Estimated Effect of Proposals on Tax Payments (in dollars)				
Married with two children				
Income	Income Tax	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Net Impact
25K	-\$141		\$66	-\$75
50K	-\$175	-\$45	\$101	-\$119
75K	-\$176	-\$69	\$135	-\$110
125K	-\$176	-\$114	\$212	-\$78
250K	-\$72	-\$225	\$212	-\$85
750K	\$7,028	-\$675	\$212	\$6,565
Single Adult				
Income	Income Tax	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Net Impact
25K	-\$90		\$66	-\$24
50K	-\$90	-\$45	\$101	-\$34
75K	-\$90	-\$69	\$135	-\$24
125K	-\$90	-\$114	\$212	\$8
250K	\$771	-\$225	\$212	\$758
750K	\$7997	-\$675	\$212	\$7,534

The sales tax would be increased by 1 % to a 6 % rate, the same rate used in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The District sales tax rate is 5.75%.

The net result is shown in the table on the previous page.

I recommend that MCCF support the proposed income, property and sales tax changes.

Close Corporate Loopholes. I agree with the CfM position that we need a vibrant, healthy business climate in the State. However, businesses need to pay their fair share of taxes. Various corporate loopholes allow half of Maryland's largest corporations to pay zero, zip, nada in corporate income tax and sell buildings paying little or no transfer tax. *I recommend MCCF support closing corporate loopholes.*

Whither Sanity? – The ICC and Georgia Avenue

by Arnold Gordon, First Vice President,

It has just dawned on the State Highway Administration (SHA) that when Stage A of the ICC is completed linking I-370 to Georgia Avenue/Route 97 and until construction of Stage B linking Georgia Avenue to I-95 is finished - a period of at least 1 to 2 years and possibly longer - traffic moving east from on the newly opened section will have to exit onto Georgia Avenue, and proceed east by either driving south to Norbeck Road/Route 28 or north to Olney Sandy Spring Road/Route 108.

Anyone with the least familiarity with these roads knows that there is massive gridlock here during both the morning and evening rush hours. The intersection at Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Road is already graded as “failing” with a complete maelstrom that develops there and at Muncaster Mill Road only a few hundred feet away. Imagine also the public safety problem of ambulances trying to get to Montgomery General Hospital in Olney from Leisure World during these peak traffic congestion periods that could last not just during rush hours but 8 to 10 hours a day.

The County has accorded relatively low priority to improving the mess at Georgia and Norbeck, and even if it was to be given higher priority, the SHA says it will not have the money to make improvements largely because the ICC has eaten up all state road funding for the foreseeable future.

Now the SHA, at the urging of State Senator Kramer and Delegate Kramer (Districts 14 and 19 respectively), who have pushed hard for the ICC, and whose recent silence on the whole issue of the ICC and its anticipated exacerbation of local congestion has been deafening to

Corporate Tax. *I recommend MCCF support increasing the corporate tax by 1% and use the funds to slow the increases in college tuition costs for students and add funds to the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).*

The Governor is recommending adding a total of \$400M per year to the TTF. (I am not sure if all the funds are coming from the Corporate Tax increase.) At the Transportation Road show in early October, State DOT indicated that without the additional funds, there would be no new road or transit projects anywhere in the state next year or in the foreseeable future. In fact, \$250M of the proposed \$400M increase is needed just to maintain what we already have.

say the least, has come up with a brilliant solution, to wit:

For traffic moving east from the ICC and exiting onto Georgia Avenue a traffic light will be installed. This light will permit the traffic to then move south onto Georgia Avenue blocking and delaying, still further, southbound Georgia Avenue traffic. Since the ICC traffic will mostly remain east bound, it will be moved across multiple lanes of south bound Georgia Avenue traffic and into a left lane added, as a temporary measure, to the southbound roadway in place of the present center island. A few hundred feet south of this intersection another light will (again as a temporary measure) allow traffic to cross the northbound side of Georgia Avenue and onto a temporary two-lane road to be built south of the Golf Driving range at that location and across the present park and ride lot to Rte 28 just where it can screw up traffic to and from Leisure World and Route 28 even more.

Now all of this “temporary construction” will cost considerable money which is presumably going to come out of the ICC's budget for Stage A (\$478.8 million, part of the 2.4 billion budgeted for the ICC in 2004). A cheap estimate for this temporary fix, including lights and roadways, will probably be in the neighborhood of several million dollars. Yet still the budget for the ICC will not rise. We wonder what environmental mitigation measures will be eliminated from the ICC's budget to pay for this temporary “fix”.

The obvious and better solution to this dilemma, if one assumes the ICC will be built, is to build the Georgia Avenue underpass under Norbeck, or, if you like, build the Norbeck overpass over Georgia Avenue as was originally scheduled to be constructed in 2012 and not

open the ICC to Georgia Avenue until the ICC is completed as far as Route 28.

The SHA will protest that "...the contract for stage A has been let and our plans will have to change!" Well, have they never heard of a "change order"? Did they think that they were really going to complete this road without any "change orders"? Can any sane person truly believe that this road can be brought in at 2.4 billion when construction and material costs have increased by 50% since 2004 when the SHA prepared the cost estimate which it now continues to peddle to the public and to our politicians?

The communities in Greater Olney and in the areas around this intersection are only just awakening to this problem and a meeting with the SHA will be held at Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA)'s November 11th meeting.

I will present a resolution at the Federation's November 10th meeting advocating that the staging for the ICC be changed as suggested above. We hope you will be there to weigh in on the problem and help all the communities, north and south, that will otherwise be adversely impacted.

MCCF Bylaws Committee

The MCCF Bylaws Committee was re-established at our October meeting. Peggy Dennis, Sandy Vogelgesang, Dan Wilhelm, Richard Zierdt and Luella Mast, Chair, have agreed to serve on the committee this year. New members and one-time attendees are always welcome. No special background in writing or understanding bylaws is necessary. The committee meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. for supper. Our first

meeting for this year will be Tuesday, November 13 at Hollywood East on the Boulevard, 2621 University Boulevard West in Wheaton. Please contact Luella Mast, 301-384-4178 or luellam@comcast.net if you have suggestions for possible bylaws changes or if you wish to join us so I can let you know of any last minute date or time changes.

Which Day is Best for Our Meetings?

As reported in the last newsletter, a number of organizations have told us that the second Monday conflicts with other meetings. MCCF will switch to the second Wednesday of each month for our regular membership meeting if it is better for people than the

second Monday. If both Monday and Wednesday are bad and Tuesday is better we will switch to Tuesday. If you have not already done so, please email Dan Wilhelm at djwilhelm@verizon.net or call 301-384-2698 to indicate which day you prefer.

Minutes of October 8, 2007 Regular Meeting

By Dan Wilhelm, Acting Recording Secretary

Call to Order: MCCF First Vice President Arnie Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. During the introductions, President Wayne Goldstein arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting. There were 19 present from 14 organizations, not counting the guest speakers.

Announcements: November 19 is the last date to change party affiliation before the primaries. The new Olney Farms and Arts Market was held October 7 for the first time. There will be a hearing concerning the possible closing of community recreation centers by the Parks Department on October 16, 7 p.m.

Agenda, Treasurer's Report and Minutes: The agenda was approved and Treasurer's Report accepted. Arnie Gordon moved and Richard Zierdt seconded that the minutes of the September 10th Regular meeting as published in the newsletter be accepted. The motion passed.

Program: Since Chuck Lapinski had not yet arrived, Wayne Goldstein kicked off the program. Tom Heikkinen, Chief Plant Operations, and Jim Newstat, Director of Communications, with WSSC provided a presentation about WSSC and answered questions.

WSSC serves 1.8M people or about 90% of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. WSSC was founded in 1918 and as a result infrastructure is aging and much of the 5000 miles of water pipes must be replaced at a faster pace than the 10-20 miles that WSSC has been replacing it. Water main breaks are caused not by the change in ground temperature but by a change in water temperature. The number of breaks varies from year to year but based upon a linear regression straight line the number of breaks has increased from 1225 in FY89 to 1700 in FY07.

The problem with sewer lines is not breaks but clogs, with grease being one major contributor. WSSC is

starting an aggressive inspection of restaurants to ensure their grease traps are in working order. They encourage residential users to put grease in the trash, not down the drain. They have 3.3 to 4.1 overflows per 100 miles pipe per year compared with a national average of 2.1 to 6.9 per 100 miles of pipe per year.

WSSC has a 30 year infrastructure upgrade plan. The executive summary can be found on their web site. The Councils in each county approve WSSC rates and they are considering a fee rather than increased rate to pay for the upgrades. There were no rate increases during the FY99-FY04 period.

WSSC spends \$2M per month on electricity and as a result is investing in a wind-farm that is being built in Somerset County, PA. The scheduled completion date is January 2008, but they are about one month behind schedule. The wind-farm will provide 1/3 of WSSC's power requirement with a 10 year fixed cost that is lower than current rates. Since wind is not polluting, it will be equivalent to taking 10,000 cars off the road.

Committee Reports: The delegates voted to re-establish the Bylaws Committee. Wayne Goldstein is looking for a volunteer to chair the Education Committee. There was a handout from the Environmental Committee about our December program dealing with forest and tree conservation.

Dan Wilhelm, Legislative Committee Chair, provided a handout developed by the State of Maryland Office of Management and Budget which summarizes the many tax changes proposed by the Governor to close the \$1.7B operating budget shortfall and add \$400M to the transportation trust fund. There was also a handout that contained the Committee for Montgomery recommendation to our elected officials in dealing with the shortfall and overall budget priorities.

Marvin Weinman, Co-Chair of the Public Finance and Utilities Committee, said that the County Infrastructure Task Force would have its report available on October 12 and be presented to the Council on October 16. Marvin also had an expanded version of the "Did You Know" report found in the newsletter.

Jim Humphrey, Chair of Planning, Land use and Housing Committee, provided five points:

- The County Executive has opposed MCCF's suggestion to change the MPDU process to require that more units be sold to those on the waiting list.
- The Affordable Housing Task Force will soon release its recommendations.
- Still waiting for a response from the Planning Board concerning MCCF's recommendation to model land use build-out in the county.
- The planning staff is holding meetings with citizens concerning possible changes to the master plan process, including having smaller plans with a quicker development time frame. Jim is concerned that citizen involvement will be curtailed. The staff has to complete their effort by year-end
- The Council's PHED Committee is holding worksessions on the Growth Policy prior to a November 15 full Council vote.

New Business: Jim Humphrey put forth the following resolution that was discussed in the newsletter dealing with Zoning Text Amendment 07-13:

"Whereas ZTA 07-13 as introduced at the request of the County Executive would permit a quadrupling of height and tripling of density for certain commercial properties in or adjoining Central Business Districts; and

Whereas such significant changes in building standards are best considered when approving rezoning recommendations in the context of a comprehensive master or sector plan revision, not by use of a ZTA to alter the standards of the zoning in place on properties;

Therefore, the MCCF opposes Council approval of ZTA 07-13. "

The motion passed 15 for, none opposing, and no abstentions

The meeting adjourned just after 10 PM.

Minutes of the October 17, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

By Acting Recording Secretary Sandy Vogelgesang

MCCF Executive Committee met at the Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville MD.

Call to Order. MCCF First Vice-president Arnold Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM. (President Wayne Goldstein arrived shortly thereafter.) Present: Wayne Goldstein, Arnold Gordon, Peggy

Dennis, Dan Wilhelm, Luella Mast, Marvin Weinman, William Schrader, George Sauer, and Sandy Vogelgesang. Guest: Carol Placek, Kensington Parkwood.

Minutes Approval. Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting, printed in the October 2007 *Civic Federation News*, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Luella Mast distributed a copy of the treasurer's report and the latest tabulation on MCCF membership. She reported that she will convene a treasurer's workshop for interested MCCF members.

Planning and Land Use (PLU) Committee. In the absence of Jim Humphrey, Chair, Dan Wilhelm read the following written report which Jim had submitted for Excom reference before the meeting.

- "Council Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee is still meeting on growth policy; full Council worksessions are scheduled for October 23 and 30. In a memo dated October 15, PLU reminded Council of the 2005 Planning Board recommendation to use a simplified policy area analysis to create annual ceilings for approval of new development.
- PLU will ask PHED to consider MCCF's recommendation to alter the offering process for MPDU sale units and a memo outlining our concerns with the Alternative Review Committee process at their upcoming worksession on the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program.
- PLU has received comments from the Council President and the County Executive on MCCF recommendation made in May to model County build out; still awaiting written response from the Planning Board"

Legislation/Committee for Montgomery (CFM).

Dan Wilhelm, Chair, reported that Governor O'Malley has called for a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly to convene on October 29. That Special Session will address how to deal with the State's \$1.7 billion budget deficit. Dan provided copies of two items: (1) a summary of the Governor's proposal to deal with the budget ("A Fair, Long-term Solution to Maryland's Structural Deficit") and (2) a document approved by the Committee for Montgomery stating the position of that organization, which represents a broad cross section of County interests, on the structural budget deficit and legislative and budget

priorities for the 2008 legislative session (including education, health care, transportation, and economic and workforce development). Dan reported that Montgomery County, assuming the *status quo* with State funding, faces a \$270 million budget deficit. It was agreed that Dan will provide the summary of CFM positions for publication in the *Civic Federation News* and that he will also highlight key issues for discussion at the next Delegates' meeting.

Environment Committee. Wayne Goldstein, President, spoke for Caren Madsen, Committee Chair and reported that legislation on trees and forest conservation is to be introduced for County Council consideration – matters which will be the topic of the MCCF meeting program on December 10.

Education Committee. Wayne Goldstein, President, reported on continuing concerns about the accountability of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Board of Education (BOE) to local PTA officials, community organizations, and others. He stated that policies on, for example, special education have been revised to exclude participation by PTA's and others. Wayne noted that his recent articles in the *Sentinel* provide more detail on continuing concerns about the role of the Superintendent and lack of sufficient BOE oversight of MCPS.

Transportation Committee. Peggy Dennis reported that, due to the press of business, Byron Bloch, is reluctant to continue as Committee Chair. Arnie Gordon, First Vice President, reported on a traffic concern in Olney and presented a motion (seconded by Peggy Dennis) which passed (8 for, 0 opposed or abstaining). It read: "Resolved: oppose the current State Highway Administration (SHA) proposal to have eastbound traffic from Stage A of the Inter-County Connector construction empty onto Georgia Avenue and thence south to a left (eastbound) temporary road that would link to Route 28 through the existing park-and-ride lot at the intersection of 28 and 97; and, instead, require the SHA to have Stage A of the construction include extension through to Route 28 via the underpass under Georgia Avenue as intended for eventual completion under the plans for the ICC construction." Arnie pointed out that the approach reflected in the motion would, in the end, cost less because it would avoid incurring the additional cost of building the temporary bypass and it would occur sooner therefore obviating inflationary increases attributable to the portion between 97 and 28.

Public Safety Committee. In the absence of Chuck Floyd, Committee Chair, Wayne reminded ExComm that the next Delegates' meeting on November 12 will

feature a program to be presented by Montgomery County Policy Chief Thomas Manger.

Membership Committee: Peggy Dennis, Chair, said there was nothing new to report. Luella Mast provided written update on latest membership data. To help attract new members and encourage members to attend monthly meetings, Sandy Vogelgesang, District 15 Membership VP, offered to place notices of upcoming MCCF meetings with local press.

Public Finance and Utilities. Marvin Weinman, Chair, reported on the five recommendations and eight proposals included in the 25-page "Working Group Report on Infrastructure Financing for County Facilities." That report was on the agenda for the County Council session, October 16, at which time Councilmember Trachtenberg called for follow-up action. Marv also noted the apparent lack of proof of citizenship required for voter registration by the County Board of Elections.

Bylaws Committee. The ExComm re-authorized the convening of the Committee. Luella Mast will chair the committee with Peggy Dennis, Dan Wilhelm, Richard Zierdt, and Sandy Vogelgesang serving.

Awards and Nominations Committees. Wayne Goldstein, President, urged members to volunteer for

the two committees. Peggy will include reminders in the next Newsletter.

Change of Meeting Date. Luella Mast requested ExComm action on question of possible change of date for monthly Delegates' meeting. It was moved and approved unanimously that Dan Wilhelm would solicit MCCF Delegates' views via email on the proposed change of date to the second Wednesday of each month and that notice would also be provided in the upcoming Newsletter.

Program Committee. Arnold Gordon, Chair, reminded ExComm of two upcoming meetings for November and December (noted above) and raised question of possible program for January. It was agreed that Peggy Dennis and others interested in program on hospitals (their relations with surrounding communities, capacity of emergency rooms, etc.) would provide concrete program proposal to Arnie. Another program proposal for early 2008 was for a presentation by the County Attorney.

Other New Business, Newsletter Assignments and Adjournment. The meeting concluded with assignments for the next issue of the *Civic Federation News*.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Dues-Paid Members of MCCF

By Peggy Dennis, Membership Chairman

The following Member Organizations and Individuals have paid their dues (thank you, very much!) for 2007-2008.

Allanwood-Gayfields-Willson Hills-Gaywood Estates (AGWG) Civic Association, Inc.
 Bannockburn Civic Association
 Bradley Boulevard Citizen Association
 Carderock Springs Citizens Association, Inc.
 Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
 Clarksburg Civic Association
 Congressional Forest Community Association
 Deerfield Weathered Oak Citizens Association
 Forest Estates Community Assn
 Glen Echo Heights Citizens Association
 Greater Olney Civic Association
 Grosvenor Park Condominium Citizens Association, Inc.
 Hillandale Citizens Association
 Hunting Terrace Citizens Assn
 Layhill South Citizens Association
 Manor Lake Civic Association
 Maplewood Citizens Association, Inc.
 Norbeck Meadows Civic Association
 North Hills of Sligo Civic Association
 North White Oak Civic Association

Parkwood Residents Association
 Potomac Pond Homeowner's Association
 Potomac Towne Homeowners Association
 Riverhill HOA
 Rock Creek Palisades Citizens Association
 South Four Corners Citizens Assn.
 South Tuckerman-Inverness Citizens Association
 Stonegate Citizens Association
 Town of Somerset
 West Bradley Citizens Association
 West Montgomery County Citizens Association
 Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association
 Wildwood Manor Citizens Association
 Montgomery County Taxpayers League

French Caldwell
 Julie Davis
 Marie De Maria
 Jenny Sue Dunner
 Blair Ewing
 Bernard Fiske
 Wilbur Friedman
 Agnes Jones Trower
 William Neil
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 Stan Schiff

Two privately-maintained sections of Gary Road in Potomac, one of many publicly-dedicated but unimproved and still privately maintained roads in Montgomery County. Photos from “The Orphaned Roads of Montgomery County”, an exhaustive study presented by the MCCF to the County Council and County Executive in early 2007.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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Name of Organization/Individual _____ Date _____

Number of Households (Approx) _____ Annual Dues (see below) \$ _____

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Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges
Local Association (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households - not paid members. Can not be a single local-issue group.)	30 to 300		\$45*	2	Yes
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	601+		\$85*	4	
Umbrella Association (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue group.)	60 to 500		\$45*	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$65*	3	
	1001+		\$85*	4	
Regional or County-Wide Organization (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes
Individual Associate	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
Associate Group (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No

Can select less than the allowed number of members and pay according to that number. List your members below. Each member will receive our newsletter via US Mail unless he/she elects to receive an email notice that the newsletter is available for downloading. Please check the email box below for those who will receive the email notice. ***You may also take a \$5 discount off the dues for each person who elects to receive the newsletter email notice.** Please provide the email address whether or not newsletter email notification is selected. We are planning to produce a membership directory. Please identify whether you want your email address included.

1.	Name (President+)		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Name		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Name		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
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+President of applying organization or permanent substitute designated by the president.

Federation Meeting

Monday, November 12
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order
7:46 Introduction and Announcements
7:55 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
7:56 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
8:00 Program: M.C. Police Chief Manger
9:15 Vote on proposed resolutions & positions
9:20 Committee Reports
9:40 Member Issues
9:45 Old Business
9:55 New Business
10:00 Adjourn

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 7:45 p.m.

Julius West Middle School

651 Great Falls Road, Rockville



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