

Boyds Civic Association January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

President Chris Arndt called the Boyds Civic Association (BCA) to order at 7:40 pm on January 15, 2015. There were about 26 people in attendance.

Minutes (Maggie Bartlett) were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Gibson) was passed: \$14,219.12 (as of 12/31/14).

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Petition of Daniel and Kathleen Albert (March 16 9:30 am):** Horses to be kept on property for personal use.
- **Knit Locally** (Peggy Odick) is a new business (Barnesville Rd.) selling high-grade fibers (knitlocally.com).
- **Nancy Dacek** passed way January 12, 2015. Memorial service is scheduled at Black Rock Center for the Arts.
- **Peter Hitchens'** memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 at the Potomac Hunt Club.

ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Anne Davies, proposed the following slate for Boyds Civic Association officers:

President:	Hammet Hough	Vice President:	Chris Arndt
Treasurer:	Steve Gibson	Secretary:	Maggie Bartlett

The BCA members unanimously voted in the above slate.

OLD BUSINESS

- **RideOn bus turnaround (Miriam Schoenbaum, Chair, Boyds MARC-MCDOT working group):** MC DOT continues studies for the RideOn bus transit facility for buses from Clarksburg to Boyds. The M-NCPPC is considering the potential cricket field at the 121/117 intersection and are waiting for a traffic study of this intersection.
- **Ten-mile Creek:** There is potential litigation against the County.
- **Zoning variance** was requested by the Albert family.
- **Outlet in Clarksburg:** no update

SPEAKER

Kelly Blynn (Coalition for Smarter Growth): Bus Rapid Transit Proposal for SR 355

- This transit system is described as light rail on rubber tires, basically a bus service but different. The frequency would be every 5-10 minutes; it would have its own lanes; buses would be bigger (articulated); the transit system would have its own stations and would be further apart (1/2 to 1 mile apart) than current bus systems making fewer stops to make it faster.
- There are no plans for funding yet but the state and county have funds for a planning study.
- Website: www.communitiesfortransit.org

NEW BUSINESS

- **Capital Health Connection:** Open season November 2014 – February 15, 2015
- **Boyds Historical Society:** looking for donations and new members.
- **Boyds Civic Association** (Arthur Virts): is now 50 years old. Initially started by the Boyds Men's Club in January 1965, its goal was to fight the closing of the Boyds post office. The BCA included men, women, and Blacks. Idea: possible celebration at April meeting.

Motion to adjourn was passed.

Next BCA meeting: April 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm.