

Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2013

GJA met on the above date at the Jacksonville Elementary School. President Glen Thomas called meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were approximately 65 persons. Mr. Thomas introduced the board members who were present and thanked Douglas Oakley and Susan Anthony for their past service.

The minutes of the November 2012 meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14,054.29 as of December 31, 2012. Mr. Peters stated that he had added updates to the web site.

Mr. Thomas reported for Precinct 7 of the BCPD with an update on crime in the area. There have been several home burglaries and car thefts in the area. Residents were reminded to lock doors and not leave garage door openers and valuables in sight, especially in unlocked cars.

Alex Oehler and Michael McClain (443-330-5538), representatives from NiSource Gas Transmission and Storage, working on the Columbia Gas Pipeline expansion, spoke about the project. Columbia has 12,000 miles of pipeline moving natural gas from Louisiana to New York across the mid-west and east coast. They are in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process to add a second pipeline through the Owings Mills to Fallston area, which goes through the Jacksonville area and affects resident on Stansbury Mill Road. Routes have been modified from the originally planned route. NiSource is working with residents to finalize easements. Unresolved easements will be turned over to a government agency for public domain condemnation proceedings. One elected official has suggested residents allow that scenario to play out while some advisors recommend avoiding that possibility since then the residents have no say in the decision. The 26" pipeline will be 36-48" underground and needs a 50-foot clearance/right of way.

Nancy Nolet, Realtor with Long and Foster, spoke about the pipeline's impact on property values. She opined that payment for the easement was actually up-front payment for the reduced property value going forward. Theaux Le Gardeur, Gunpowder Riverkeeper, noted the many miles of tributaries to the Gunpowder and watershed impacted by the pipeline.

Mr. Thomas updated the attendees on the Russo/Ellerslie property development on Sweet Air Road. The covenant created with GJA in 2004 is being followed by the developer, but the County might impose cut through roads for Brocster and Dairydale, which is against the covenant and the residents oppose. GJA will work with the County if they insist and perhaps a fire roads for emergencies can be agreed to.

Mr. Thomas asked for a vote on Baltimore County's Rule 8 Resolution, which calls for a community association to vote yearly to allow GJA board members to speak at County meetings on behalf of the community regarding zoning issues. A motion made by Ms. Lehmann carried to permit this action.

Mr. Thomas noted that the GJA Community Plan needs updating and the bylaws need some cleanup.

Then next meeting is scheduled for March 19. Possible topics and speakers include the State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding planned improvements to the Fours Corners intersection and an update on the Exxon leak remediation from Chris Ralston, head of the Oil Control Division of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Lehmann, Secretary