

**Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

GJA met on the above date at the Jacksonville Elementary School. President Glen Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 25 persons were in attendance. Mr. Thomas reported that notice of the meeting had been sent out via mail and email.

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted. Mr. Thomas reported for Treasurer Doug Oakley that as of April 30 there was a balance of \$14,494.52 in the treasury.

Lt. Bob McGraw of the Cockeyville Precinct of the BCPD reported that there were numerous late-night robberies in the Padonia Road area in the last month. Other than that, the area had been quiet.

Guest speakers for the State Highway Administration (SHA), Phil Humbertson, Assistant Engineer for Project Development and Kelly Kosino were introduced and reported on the planned improvements to the Four Corners intersection. This upgrade originally had been scheduled and budgeted for 2006. However, the Exxon leak put the plan on hold. Now, negotiations are needed with Exxon to purchase land needed for a right-of way and seek soil clean up clearance of that land from MDE. Budget constraints will probably keep the \$1.7M project from completion until 2012-2014. The improvements will add lanes at the intersection, such as has been done at the Dulaney Road bridge over Loch Raven, which aims to get more cars through the light. This will raise the rating of the intersection from an F to a D. Several attendees stressed the need for a longer left-turn lane westbound on Sweet Air road, which is not part of the proposed plan. SHA will take community recommendations under consideration. Sidewalks and crosswalks will be tied into the existing sidewalks that currently are being improved to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A question about burying the utility lines found that this would be too expensive and would not be considered.

Mr. Thomas reported that on May 20 there would be a Hearing Officer's Hearing on the Richardson property.

He noted that the GJA board was concerned about the high vacancy rate in the Manor Center and was hoping to facilitate a revival of the business association group. Board member Susan Anthony will spearhead this effort. He noted that the Jacksonville Community Center and Park is scheduled to open on July 10.

Mr. Thomas updated the community on the Exxon situation, noting that he had written in support of continued well testing and bottled water deliver, which Exxon had attempted to cut back on this past winter. He noted that some new test wells had been dug. Elevated levels of contaminants have been found at three wells on sites at the northeast corner of the intersection.

Mr. Thomas reported that the board voted to contribute \$250 to help with legal expense and write in support of the Falls Road Community Association's appeal of a zoning ruling in favor of allowing a second accessory dwelling on a 1.7 acre lot zoned for one house. The GJA board felt that if this zoning decision stands, it could have far reaching consequences.

Dennis Lane reported for the Jacksonville Optimists on the Fourth of July fireworks and events to be held on Saturday, June 26. He asked for donations to help cover the \$10-11,000 cost of the event. Mr. Thomas reported that a farmers market is scheduled to be at the Timonium state fairgrounds on Wednesdays from June through October.

Mr. Thomas reported that the board had begun to consider some revisions to GJA bylaws and would have recommendations for membership consideration by early fall. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, and he reminded members to check for a location change in case the school is unavailable. He noted that there are no scheduled meetings in July and August.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lehmann, Secretary