

**Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 15, 2012**

GJA met on the above date at the Jacksonville Elementary School. President Doug Oakley called meeting to order at 7:40 pm. In attendance were approximately 50 persons. Mr. Oakley introduced the board members who were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$15,266.70 as of April 30, 2012. Mr. Peters stated that he had added updates to the web site.

NiSource personnel, representing the Columbia Gas Pipeline, spoke about their expansion project for the pipeline from Owings Mills through Fallston. The 12,000-mile pipeline system delivers natural gas along the East Coast. The company is going through the permit process with local, state and federal agencies to obtain a construction certificate from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to widen their right-of-way to add an addition pipeline through this 21.4-mile area.

NiSource has discussion underway with fish and wildlife agencies, land and home owners, and the communities affected that includes impact and environmental issues. They will try to address concerns and compensate affected landowners but could exercise the right of eminent domain if the permit is granted. They will follow the existing right of way except in the Fallston area where another route is considered to have less impact. The pipeline goes through the Sweet Air Section of the Gunpowder Park. An extra 50-foot wide strip is needed for the permanent right of way as well as more extensive temporary use for construction. More information has been made available through two community meetings and a web site. For more information or questions, call the company's project office in Cockeyville at 443-330-5538.

Other topics discussed included the need for a safety barrier at the park trail on Sweet Air Road, which is under review by the County; the Parks and Rec volunteer coach background check issue; and County staff and planning board recommendations on CZMP 2012 filings.

The next general meeting will be held on June 12 with Congressman Andy Harris, MD committed as guest speaker. There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehmann, Secretary