

Minutes of the Parkhills Civic Association  
26 October 2016  
Silgo Creek Middle School

22 people attended.

The meeting started at 7:35pm.

A quorum of at least seven members was found in the audience. The President Alan Bowser proposed that voting in this meeting not be dependent on whether attendees had paid dues. Seconded from the floor, unanimously approved.

President's report - Alan Bowser

Secretary report - Paul Guinnessy  
All approved

Treasurer's report - Alan Bowser. Elise Kempler has resigned. The room thanked her for her service to the community.

Vice President Chris Richardson proposed that the Purple Line discussion be held now. Approved by 12-4 vote.

### Purple Line

Richardson brought up the history of ParkHills Association. Commended Alan Bowser for re-activating the association, which was partly based on the proposed Purple Line construction. Most of the planning of the Purple Line was done under a Democratic administration before Republican Governor Hogan took office. "We are at the point to organized collectively to get the best deal with the Purple Line," said Richardson. He reminded people that the Dale Station was supposed to be approved with community input, but instead unilaterally activated by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA). There is no money in the Purple Line budget to migrate the impacts of the Purple Line along the route. Richardson highlighted the activities of the Wayne Ave Working Group (WWG) for Purple Line, which is a collaboration with the other local associations. Richardson pointed out one issue that led to the meeting in May 2016 at the civic center with the new contractors and MTA. The WWG met with Ike Leggett's staff earlier this month (5 October) because the May meeting raised more questions than gave answers. The attendees included representatives with experience of transport planning, parents of kids at the elementary and middle school, and community activists. Richardson said that the group explained why there are

safety concerns with the Wayne Dale junction and that the group doesn't know when we'll hear back from Leggett. Richardson said it was engagement from the ParkHills Association and other associations that have led to MTA talking to the community. A follow up meeting will happen sometime in the near future. Richardson emphasized that we need common points to bring the community together to discuss this.

Neighbor Don Slater talked about a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers. Slater said that the Wayne Ave bridge over Silgo Creek is going to be moved as part of the project to create better water flow. Slater said that there will be fish ladders in to increase fish movements. The public comment period for the project goes until the end of November. The Federal Environmental Impact Statement says that the Manchester Rd tunnel will take 2.5 years of explosions before completed.

#### Election of Officers

At this time, there was an election for new Park Hills Civic Association officers for 2016-2018 period.

Fran Sussman chair of the election committee.

Sussman said three minutes will be given to each candidate to speak with 10 minutes for questions for contested positions.

Christine Louie Arnold nominated Chris Richardson for President. Richardson accepted the nomination.

Richardson emphasized his work in the community on the purple line and that is why he wants to stand.

Slater gave a brief description of his roots in the community as the "unofficially known as the Mayor of Mansfield Rd". Slater said he was a Pro-Purple Line supporter. Talked about the homeless shelter on Wayne Ave and how they supported the county's plan to implement it. Said that there will be pro and cons to the Purple Line coming through and he hopes that the community will be more activate on it.

Question: What do you have in common on the Purple Line?

Slater said that he thinks he and Richardson agree on not changing the zoning around the Dale Station.

Richardson said that he thinks that we could have four lanes on Wayne if we tried hard enough. Hoped that the group can come together on this this.

Question: Slater was asked about what work he had done with Purple Line Now and ACT on mitigating the impacts on Wayne Ave.

A: Slater pointed out that his wife Tina is more engaged with these groups, and that he has focused more on the county and transit agencies.

Question to both: What other matters of the civic association

Slater: Traffic issues. Pushed the four-way stop at the top of Mansfield and Dale. He is really concerned about how to slow down traffic.

Richardson: He said that in his current role, we look at the issues that are critical to the association.

Question to both: How to engage the 350 households of ParkHills?

Richardson said he is engaged with other associations and groups such as PTA which is how to get people engaged.

Slater wanted to engage with the neighborhood more by doing more local stuff.

Bowser wanted to thank all the previous society officers for their work with the association. He listed all the achievements the association has made, and mentioned that Bowser and Bengle will be on the Purple Line lists.

The following neighbors have been nominated to serve as officers:

President - Don Slater

13 votes for Richardson

6 votes for Slater

Richardson is President

The rest of the candidates were elected unopposed.

Vice President - Alan Bowser

Secretary - Carol Bengle

Treasurer - Nina Vucenik

Upcoming general election on November 8.

Bowser briefly spoke about the election and who is on the ballot.

Motion: to thank Elise and Paul for their service from the floor.

Nina said another drunk driver crashed their cars

At 9pm the meeting was ended.

Additional note: Christine Louie paid \$15 for her dues to the association.