



SEVEN OAKS –EVANSWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

of Silver Spring, Maryland

Results of SOECA's Feb 28th Vote – Purple Line Resolutions

An unprecedented and tremendous community turnout for the Special Meeting Debate and Vote on Purple Line Resolutions demonstrated just how important this issue is to our community. More than 200 people came out and participated in a very well run, orderly, and respective debate and vote. Three resolutions were presented by their originators and debated, and then voted on. Full text of the resolutions are on SOECA's website at www.soeca.org or see Feb's newsletter.

VOTING RESULTS:

RESOLUTION	RESULT
Resolution #1: In support of a community-friendly Purple Line	In favor: 59 Opposed: 142 Abstain: 18 <i>The resolution was defeated by a vote of 29% in favor to 71% opposed.</i>
Resolution #2: In support of a sensible mass transit solution for Silver Spring (Purple Line that is not built at street-level on Wayne Avenue)	In Favor: 150 Opposed: 62 Abstain: 6 <i>The resolution was adopted by a vote of 71% in favor to 29% opposed.</i>
Resolution #3: No Purple Line through SOECA at Grade or in Tunnel	In Favor: 72 Opposed: 111 Abstain: 32 <i>The resolution was defeated by a vote of 39% in favor to 61% opposed.</i>

Special thanks to all who were involved in planning and organizing the meeting. Extra hands helped sign-in and new member registration proceed smoothly. Particular thanks to SOECA's Purple Line Task Force members for providing the community with fair and accurate information on the Purple Line over the last year. These extraordinary efforts by our neighbors resulted in SOECA getting the necessary facts which then led to the thoughtful and impressive Special Meeting Debate and Vote. **Thank you, SOECA!** This will be a somewhat unusual newsletter in that it is only two pages in length - so, no, you're not missing part of the newsletter...

NEXT MEETING:
Thurs. April 3, 2008
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.,
back at the
Silver Spring Library

AGENDA

- Chelsea School:
Proposed Renovations
- SOECA Purple Line
Vote and Next Steps

Business Meeting:

Approval of the Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Announcements
Old Business: Reports
New Business

Adjourn by 9:30 p.m.

OFFICERS

President: Mark Gabriele
301-565-3395

Vice President:
Kathleen Samiy

Secretary:
Ann Johnson
301-585-1273

Treasurer:
Bill Kaupert
301-585-3385

Future SOECA Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2008

*Meetings will resume in
September.*

Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2008 Special Meeting

Program: Due to the special nature of this meeting and the expected time required for debate and vote on the Purple Line resolutions the Business portion of the meeting was conducted prior to the Purple Line debate and vote.

Minutes: The minutes for January 17, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report for 02/28/08: Checking account balance of \$5,232 of February 28, 2008.

For membership information or questions contact Bill Kaupert at 301-585-3385.

New Business/Announcements/Discussion:

Neighborhood Watch Program: Mark announced that Scott Larensky will now lead the Neighborhood Watch Program as Elaine Ellis steps down. Elaine initiated the program and has coordinated efforts for the last several years. Watch captains are needed and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the program. Contact SOECA through the website or one of the officers.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Mark requested volunteers to SOECA's Nominating Committee for next year's Executive Committee (Officers). A slate of officers will be compiled and voted on during the May meeting.

Coleville Road Intersection Update: Charles Vick attended the Department of Public Works and Transportation's public meeting on February 25th at Oakview Elementary School. He provided a summary of the meeting which was an informal workshop format with preliminary drawings and opportunities to talk with project representatives. Widening of Dale Dr. will extent back considerably on both sides of Coleville (up to 500 feet on Woodside and 300 feet on SOECA side

Ballot Count Volunteers: Mark also asked for volunteers to stay after tonight's vote to help count the ballots.

Mark then opened the Purple Line Debate and Vote by remarking on the tremendous turnout and stating the meeting agenda, process for debate and vote, and specific ground rules. Each motion was called to the floor and presented by it's originator in a 3 minute statement. Individuals who signed up at the door to speak/comment on a resolution were given 1 minute to do so.

When the list of speakers was completed the next resolution was called and debated. Each resolution was presented and then several residents spoke thoughtfully and passionately either in support or against the resolution. After the three resolutions were presented and debated the vote was taken. Ballots were counted by a team of interested volunteers and the results tallied. See results on page 1.

A Note from the Treasurer:

To all SOECA members and prospective members: At our February 28th Purple Line meeting, an inconvenient (for me) and annoying mess was created when I received some \$200 in cash, unaccompanied by the identities of the payers of the amount each paid. I am in the process of contacting those who signed our attendance sheets but are not members and who did not submit membership forms. In addition to my duties as your Treasurer, I chair a three-person membership committee consisting of I, me, and myself. In addition, I distribute newsletters to four block captains and I deliver 30 of my own, and mail others to absent members. Although a retired teacher, I am employed by two different businesses part-time. I shall no longer accept membership checks or cash unaccompanied by completed membership forms, whether by renewing or new members. I do not have the time to enter your information for you. I shall return your money to you. The membership forms are an important part of my efforts to keep meticulous financial and member records for our association.

If you paid cash for your membership and have received a form from me, please complete and return it to me promptly, indicating the amount of cash you paid at the meeting. If you have not received a form from me, complete the form attached here. Any cash unaccounted for will be deposited in our treasury. If you haven't submitted a form, you are not a member of SOECA. Period. I appreciate your understanding in this regard. – Bill

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SOECA

Send this slip plus \$10 annual household dues (\$5 for senior citizens and single members) to: Bill Kaupert, SOECA Treasurer, 9222 Manchester Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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HOW TO JOIN SOECA'S LISTSERV:

There are two ways to join the SOECA Listserve:

(1) Via email

- Send an e-mail to: soeca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.
- The ListServe moderator will email you asking for your name and address by response email and after this email exchange, the moderator will add you to the list-serve.
- You will then receive a confirmation e-mail from "Yahoo Groups" of your addition to the list-serve

(2) Via Yahoo Groups at <http://groups.yahoo.com/> (if you already have, or will set up, a free yahoo id)

- Find SOECA and click "Join this Group."
- Fill in the form, including the email address you wish to use, adding a comment about yourself and why you would like to join the group, and click "Join" at the bottom.
- The ListServe moderator will email you asking for your name and address by a personal response email and after this email exchange, the moderator will add you to the list-serve.
- You will then receive a confirmation e-mail from "Yahoo Groups" of your addition to the list-serve

You can post a message to the community by sending an e-mail to: soeca@egroups.com or soeca@yahoogroups.com (Note that it can sometimes take several minutes for your post to be visible so please wait before sending the message again thinking it didn't get through.)

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SOECA BOUNDARIES?

Have you wondered what streets/neighborhoods make up SOECA?

If you live between or on these streets you're in the Seven Oaks – Evanswood Citizens Association.

- Cedar Street to Franklin Avenue
- Colesville Road to Bonifant Street
- Three Oaks Drive (Westside) to Colesville Road
- Carolina Avenue to Colesville Road