

Greater Severna Park Council  
Delegation Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2019

Vice-President Brad Myers opened the meeting at 7:34pm.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to approve February's minutes made by GSPC Director John Norville, and seconded by Steve Poland. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Checking account: \$5,580.36
- Dues deposited: \$1,085.00

Membership Report (Steve Poland)

- 56 Communities are still in good standing, and 33 have paid 2019 dues.
- The following communities have not paid dues for 2 or more years: Belleview Estates, Bluff Point, Cattail Passage, Kilmarnock, Manhattan Beach, North Severna Park, Severndale, Twin Harbors, and Whitney's Landing.

Guest Speaker: Kimberly Tran, Deputy District Engineer from MD Dept Transportation

- Went to Severna Park elementary and was married at Woods Church. She covers D5 which is AA county, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's. Community Liaison have attended these meetings but in between community liaisons at the moment.
- State Highway owns numbered routes eg ritchie highway, 648. Benfield is a county road and they are working with county DPW. District office handles traffic, congestion, construction, maintenance.
- Ritchie Highway and signal at Mckinsey road: They are looking into a Courtesy gap since people in the Right most lane are flying up the lane. Might put in flexposts in auxiliary lane. Have to turn right into entrance. Southbound left turn is volume 70 per hour. Step 2 would be lengthening mckinsey but would have to close. Drainage features. Not cheap or easy to turn it into longer left turn bay. Might force right lane northbound to make a right and see if that helps. Could they force a right turn into shopping center itself?
- SHA sends a priority letter to MDOT. Ritchie hwy and rt 3 from crofton to where meets 97 on priority list. Project planning is taking on as feasibility study for rt 2 and 3. Updating traffic numbers, forecasts, feasibility of cost and traffic analysis and benefit. No timeline yet.
- Corridor study looked at interchanges. Part of full blown corridor study but got scaled down and looked at just intersection upgrades. Could only get improvements on AA county sections.
- 648 from rt 2 at macys corner near arnold station. Repair and resurface timeline? Did patching 3 years ago. Trying to do more significant resurfacing project. Handled by

area-wide contractor. North end is where drainage issues are. Hoyle lane goes off to west (county road). County was doing something up at hoyle lane and flooded onto 648 and became sheet of ice. County was fixing pipe.

- Near hoyle lane continues to be water. Natural springheads found by testing water. If flouride in the water, then its county water and it means water pipe needs to be fixed. Springhead means hydraulic folks have to tackle. Springhead takes longer to fix. Near ritchie court found springhead and hydraulics is out there. Also south of hoyle lane on northbound side near 2 abandoned properties with natural springheads. On the radar.
- Potholes are so bad on BW parkway they had to lower speed limit. Paving lists will come out soon and 648 is on list for something.
- State highway defers to county process. This county has adequate facilities ordinance and pretty structured. Have to go through site plan approvals. County defines threshold and that developer is responsible for mitigating those trips. Waugh chapel developers did most improvements over there.
- Earleigh Heights project is planning to move things. What state requirements will be put upon them? The pad sites would require a study. The firehouse moving would be coordinating. All equipment will have to be upgraded. Approval process starts with county.
- Do not have anything to study 97. Southern section is 2 lanes asphalt. Why not 3 lanes? Start with county and their priority letter. Even interstate wont take on as project planning study unless county agrees that's what they want to see.
- Once problem is fixed then new development can occur. State reliant on county. "Road club agreement". Will pay fees to county and can do project and acquire right of way. AA does not have, but have a few place doing county project. Nobody wants to be the last guy to come in and pushes it and has to fix anything.
- Traffic circles vs. 4-way stops vs. traffic signals? Lots of roundabout work for 2 lanes is fantastic for safety. Multilane roundabout is not as safe. If an intersection can be handled in single lane roundabout, that is great, but more than one lane is not suggested. Roundabouts are very expensive to build. Could the state buy property near rite aid and build roundabout on 648?

#### County Council Update by Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler

- On March 26 at 6pm there will be a Town Hall
- She is introducing a Farm Brewery Bill for residential low density areas and farmers with 10 acres. Potential for 4 properties bordering Millersville. Much prefer than 10-20 homes.
- Shipleys Dam Rehab: Public meeting will be on Wed March 27 at 6:30 at Shipleys Elementary
- B&A Ranger Station Tuesday April 2 7pm SPMS
- New BWI Roundtable need to re-appoint new member. Sara Lacy from District 1 is councilwoman and will be taking over spot. She is a lawyer. Important to have council member at roundtable.

#### Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

None

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy and Art Timmons)

- Proposed 711 at Rt 10 and 2. GSPC Board voted to oppose. Wawa tried to build but water tables too high and could not put in gas pumps.
- long terms plans to widen MD Rt 2 and the Crofton portion of MD Rt 3. Bill 101-18 concerning this was amended on January 22, 2019.
- Administrative Hearing, Rezoning Earliegh Heights VFD on April 3 at 6:00 PM at the Arundel Center
- Board of Appeals Hearing on Marsh Landing will be Thursday, May 23, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, room 160 at Arundel Center. This is the result of a plan that was supposedly approved in June of 2018, but was not made public until November 2018. The lack of the required notification prevented an appeal within 30 days of the approval. It has now been brought to the Board of Appeals
- Modification Application Pending, The Preserve at Severna Park. Just upstream from Marsh Landing. Despite the controversial Community Meeting with no comments recorded, and some complaints to P&Z about that, this project is apparently moving ahead with modifications. This needs to be watched by the Marsh Landing opponents if possible.
- 132 Overlea Rd, Sabrina Park Administrative Hearing, Jan 15. A Sabrina Park home on a triangular remnant of an old plat with existing storm water ditches running within two sides of the three sided lot. Both a corner of the house and the corner of the driveway are within 4 feet of the centerline of the existing ditch which will not be changed. This project is an excellent example of why GSPC must continue its work. GSPC didn't get to the meeting and has no standing. The variance was approved.
- Community Meeting Sabrina Park, Lots 8 to 19 North side Overlea Rd. 4 homes east of 132 Overlea Rd. 6 Single Family Homes to be built. GSPC didn't get to the meeting and now has no standing.
- A Discussion of Standing Many county meetings require 21 day's notice on the website. Most meetings have more than that, but some Community Meetings hold closely to that lead time to prevent early notice and prevent people from attending the meeting.
- The GSPC Watch List comes out usually 3 days before the 2nd and 6 4th Tuesday, often 14 days apart, but can be as much as 22 days apart. Therefore, these meetings can get very short or even no notice. This makes it difficult to have someone from GSPC attend the meeting and sign in. That sign in provides "Standing", or the right to ask questions, make comments, and generally provide an opinion of the compliance with the Code during, or after the meeting.
- GSPC leadership has been attending meetings of the State and County Legislators discussing where the next Bay Bridge is going to go and is missing these smaller meetings. It would help GSPC if we had some volunteers on standby who could attend these Administrative Hearings, Community Meetings and the likes on quick notice and sign in on behalf of GSPC, and report back to GSPC with enough of an opinion as to whether the project needs closer study and input from GSPC. That "standing" gives us

the right to form and express an opinion and present it to the county as input to be considered as they determine approval, or require changes, or denial. The two projects above have caused GSPC to have no one present at the meetings, and leaves GSPC without standing. We need to set up a group of people to cover these meetings, sign in as a GSPC representative and give us standing and the right to provide an opinion to the county? We just missed two opportunities. We need to follow up on The Preserve at Severna Park before we are outside looking in with no power to stop them.

- The Badro Property Rezoning, Severna Park Gateway appealed to the Circuit Court. We are waiting for a report from Karen Zavakos.
- GSPC has 1 member, Amy Leahy, on the Citizens Advisory Committee which will develop the General Development Plan.
- West Benfield Road may be closed to thru traffic thru December 2019 Avoid the area.

#### Education (Holly Slack)

- [Policy committee](#) is reviewing bullying and harassment policy with line items to specify, define, and clarify AACPS position on various issues.
- Recess guidelines are a concern. CAC Equity subcommittee will research the issue further.
- The [vote](#) to make the [Global Citizenship Course](#) slipped past the CAC and a lot of the parents missed the opportunity for community input prior to making it a required course to graduate. Could the Board entertain a new process of introducing this to the public before voting in the future?
- The County Council is the ultimate fiscal authority over AACPS. Voter-imposed cap means we cannot have revenue growth. State allows local jurisdiction 3.2% “piggyback” tax and Anne Arundel County is at 2.5%.
- New this year: County Executive Pittman will be having 7 of his own [budget hearings](#).
- Restricted Funds have strings attached and are designated for specific purposes. Title 1 poverty level; Title 2 teacher education ; Title 3 esl; Title 4 fine arts.
- Casino money: \$35.4 mil going to construction. How much will end up in AA County? What will be the funding formula?
- Raising night school teachers’ pay from \$25 to \$30/hour.
- Looking for a computer science point person.
- HR Budget: Benefits assistant needed due to larger retiring population.
- Substitute teachers are currently making \$90/day, so budget is hoping to increase it to \$100/day.
- Operations: grown square feet but not added custodial.
- With this budget, hoping not to charge fees on mandatory courses at Arlington Echo (e.g. drown-proofing).
- Not many people came out for budget hearings this year.
- Class reduction for 116 teachers and enrollment growth. No elementary teachers requested.
- Districts have not recovered from the recession. The funding has not been restored to the levels seen in the early 2000s. AA county under tax cap.

- [Governor's education budget](#).
- Kirwan commission expected to become a 300-400 page Bill. Legislature set aside \$200m last year for Kirwan commission but Governor has still [not appropriated the money](#).

#### Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The GSPC Police Community Relations Committee reported that the Eastern District Police Community Relations Council will next meet at 7:30PM at the Eastern District Headquarters Building off of Pasadena Road at 7:30PM on 20 March 2019. The speaker that evening is the Honorable Ms. Amanda Fiedler, Anne Arundel County District 5 Councilwoman.
- The Anne Arundel County Police Chief's Community Advisory Committee was informed that as of 5 March 2019, there were 146 non-fatal incidences of heroin overdoses as compared to 202 non-fatal overdose incidences at that date in 2018. There were 21 fatal heroin overdoses, as compared to 38 heroin overdoses by 5 March 2018. Fentanyl is the main contributor to these deaths.
- The Anne Arundel County Safe Stations program is working very well. Last year there were 1806 walk ins with 60% still sober. This year, there have been 180 walk ins. Massachusetts is inquiring with Anne Arundel County to learn more about the Safe Stations program to determine if any of the program can be used there.

#### Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro and Lisa Bender)

- [SRA](#)'s Monthly meeting will be next Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm on tree care and critical areas.
- Anne Arundel County Peninsula Coalition is a coalition of organizations on peninsulas across Anne Arundel County requesting to work with the county to develop on "overlay" to guide land use, development, and environmental protection tailored to the unique settings of peninsulas.
- Annual "State of the Magothy" presentation will be this Friday at AACC featuring Living History Videos and State of the Magothy message from Dr. Sally Horner.
- Marsh Landing situation is classic spot zoning.

#### Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

Welcome Reese Peak, Constituent Services Office for the County Executive. He can best be reached by cell at 443-690-8378. His office line is 410-222-1123 and email is [expeak22@aacounty.org](mailto:expeak22@aacounty.org)

#### Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- Excited about county council taking seat at round table. FAA has our response but not responded back on what they will do with it. Howard county is introducing resolution continuing support for roundtable and ongoing civil actions. Need to slow down volume. Physical space is not the problem--technology is.

- Start letter-writing campaign from each community in Severna Park. Example will be sent out. Next month's meeting will have address of where to send letters.

#### ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

Next honoree for Leadership Award from GSPC will be Linda Curry for her work on the Airport Noise Committee. ASPIRE Dinner will take place on March 25 at Chartwell Country Club. The dinner starts at 6pm with happy hour. Can come at 8pm and not have to pay anything. Susan Nolte needs to know how many chairs to put up.

#### Unfinished Business

None.

#### New Business

None.

Adjournment at 9:10pm

#### Next Meeting dates

Delegation: April 9, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library

Board of Directors: April 23, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library