



Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

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Delegation meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month

President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:39 p.m., a quorum being present.

Guests:

Gary Wilson, West Severna Park

Bobby Techener, Fair Oaks

Carter Regart, West Severna Park

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to accept the August minutes made by Linda Curry and seconded by Lisa Bender.

Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

Same as last month.

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

Please keep dues coming in.

Guest Speaker: Police Chief Adams (SPHS '84) and Lt. Fred Cross

There is an overdose map showing how many overdoses and fatalities there are per year. They saw the heroin epidemic come in 2013. Phentanyl mixed with heroin is causing the overdoses. They are now looking at it from health and criminal issue (supply), believing they are not going to arrest their way out of it without addressing the health aspect. They have teamed up with safe stations where anyone that wants help can ask with no questions asked. Then they provide clinicians to get services needed. The Crisis response team is nationally recognized as the best in the country. CIT officers are recognized worldwide and passionate about mental health. School systems have psychologists and reach out to intervention teams. There is an Active Shooter

presentation: “CRAZE” that talks about safety. Jim Shilow at community relations will put that on. It is an hour long. Officers carry narcan so that if someone is in distress they can put in their nose to help reduce fatalities. Instead of locking people up, they are working to get suppliers. At an overdose they collect cell phone records to work backward.

Education is important. The Health department has pamphlets that can be shared with young children. Families need to share and talk about it with the kids. Now is the time to go to Elementary schools. Trying to get DARE back in session in middle school but getting pushback about putting it in elementary schools. Took a long time to get into middle schools but “Not My Child” events helped. Safety in Schools is very important and there are SRO (School Resource Officer) in all High Schools and almost every middle school. It allows children to become familiar with policeman.

If you see something, say something. We need the community to work together. Community speeding complaints are helpful. Educate your neighbors, let them know to slow down together.

Q & A

What do the overdose numbers look like for Severna Park? (Jennifer Davis, Carrollton Manor)
It used to be very high in the parking garage at Annapolis Mall. About a year ago the biggest case was brought to the Severna Park Manhattan beach area where they made a number of arrests. This seems to have disrupted the group. That heroin was coming from Baltimore County. Heroin and Phentanol coming from China and Mexico and then makes stops in all major cities such as Baltimore and disperse.

What could be a deterrent from car thefts? (Lisa Bender, Carrollton Manor)
Locking cars is big deterrent. People leaving car doors open and leaving keys and key fobs in center console. 95% of car thefts are unlocked vehicles. If eliminated theft autos, crime rate would probably drop 20%. Other deterrents are dogs, motion lights, doorbell and spotlight cameras. Ring camera systems can be viewed by police if you register them. Others can be registered as well that come with apps.

There are people knocking and jiggling on doors in our community. (Mary Morgan, Severna Forest)

Will ask midnight patrol to check in.

Residents are often worried they are bothering police and resist following through with “see something, saw something”. Is there anything we can do?. (Sally Mitchell, Evergreen Estates)

Encourage them to call. The police don't know about it if no one calls. The same people answer 410-222-8610 non-emergency line as 911.

There is a homeless man wandering around Severna Park being disruptive. Is there anything that can be done? (Amy Leahy, Olde Severna Park)

We have to be careful with how to handle things if someone is not willing to accept resources. Community needs to be aware and make sure the lines are not crossed.

How do you let neighborhoods know of an active shooter? (George Foote)

AA County can put out alerts that would notify community to stay in your house but they would not say what is happening. They are trying to get better about putting things out to the public, but nothing will come out in the first 15 minutes or so until they can try and contain event. Causing alarm and more people and traffic would make things very difficult. There is a reverse 911 system "code red" where they can punch in what radius to be notified. Notifications are also sent out via Twitter and Facebook. Wait for more instructions and where to meet children.

How can you let people know what is happening, especially if it is seen on Facebook? (Linda Curry, Severna Forest)

Contact the Public Information officer at 410-222-8700 to verify and get more information.

Any success arresting car thieves? (Brad Myers, GSPC Vice-President)

Fat camera guy does a great job of shielding his face. Thought they knew who it was but have not been able to nail down. Hits one night, stops for months, then hits another night. AA County has burglary suspect. Hits Sunday nights and then leaves.

County Council Update by [Ms. Amanda Fiedler](#)

- There is a new Bill 59-19 that will close the gap to notification and also sets standards to notify those who show up to community meetings. It will be voted on Sept 16.
- Large bills are coming at a rapid fire pace from this county executive. The largest bill is about Forest Conservation introduced Monday evening. Concerns and talking points from today:
 - ❖ Info about county numbers conflict with NPDS report. Private and county gained forestation.
 - ❖ Fee in lieu going from 75 cents to \$2.50 per square foot. Could there be unintended consequences for transportation oriented development? Proposed project will stop project from 40k to 1million. Need to address the need for residential housing.

- ❖ The community has worked with a developer to take a plan from townhomes to single family, but the way this bill is written, it is impossible to build single family--could only do condos. Because of this bill, there is now a 144 condominium on table instead. Other council members seem to be encouraging building up than out.
- ❖ Beginning stages of this bill.
- ❖ They anticipate a November timeframe.
- ❖ Economic impact: It feels like they are under the gun but want to get it right.
- There is another bill that will necessitate the county council to confirm by majority vote) county executive appointments. This will be on the ballot at the next election.
- They are revising adequate facilities ordinance including school capacity, the general development plan and comprehensive rezoning.
- Earleigh Heights connector house: Ms. Fiedler did not approve that project and asked a lot of questions about it. Unfortunately, there are potentially more homes coming in that area.

Q & A

Will forest conservation bill drive development into our area? (GSPC President Maureen Carr York)

Some council members want to build up than out.

What is the current resolution for confirmation? (GSPC Vice-President Brad Myers)

Currently the County Executive just appoints. This would add a confirmation process to that.

Is the head of zoning going to be confirmed? There should be more thought into who gets that position. (Paul Spadaro, MRA)

It cannot be introduced in this bill.

Where does the fee in lieu go? (Sally Mitchell, Evergreen Estates)

There is no solid banking system and no banks that can absorb reforestation. Banking law can only be for conservation, not a forestation (when planting new tree). They need the opinion from the attorney general.

Concerning the fee in lieu problem: is there an idea of planting them somewhere else? They need to go where the trees are needed around here, not somewhere else. (Paul Spadaro, MRA)

There is banking and land available in south county.

They are just ramming through legislation. Thoughtful legislation comes about over time. Why does it need to pass this session? (Tracy Nichole, Cypress Landing)

There is no appetite to hold it. Because it's been introduced, there are now only 90 days.

Thank you for your responsiveness. What would you like to see more participation or action from your constituents? (Tom Nagle, Chartridge)

Follow the legislation and come out to testify. Comes down to what they're hearing from the community. Need to point out to council members as well. Follow blog (insert link). Also has community meeting calendar for proposed developments all over counties.

Are there exempt properties from forest conservation bill? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)

If it is under a certain amount of acres, the threshold is lower. Board of ed, libraries, police stations, and schools may go down to a 20% flat rate. School system is worried about new expensive impacts of building new schools.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

- Shoptoberfest: tail end of back to school shopping and start of holiday shopping
- Driving force for business golf tournament Oct 21. 10am warmup at CCC
- November Taste and Sip
- December holiday tree lighting
- Dylan has moved on from editor and Zach Sparks is the new editor. Good luck to both!

Planning/Zoning/Legislation Committee (Amy Leahy)

- Marsh landing was appealed with Berrywood and they are putting together a video.
- The community meeting for Grandfields on Jumpers is this Thursday at 6:30pm.
- The Car wash on Ritchie Hwy just past College Parkway has not yet been approved but they do not need any variances so it will probably get approved.
- That awful house on Earleigh Heights has a house coming next to it that has been approved.
- Going to clear woods going east on that side of Earleigh Heights Connector and land has already been sold to a developer. We would like to make a coordinated effort to oppose this between Chartridge and GSPC. This could up the pressure for collective legislation against cluster lot. All this has been approved by a hearing officer instead of P&Z. Hearing officers have too much power and the council is looking to address this through legislation. Inspections and permits did not even survey the lands because the hearing officer had the power to approve it.

- There are certain people who have purchased land in Severna Park that are flipping lots instead of houses. Developers are very knowledgeable about this..
- We have to fix appointment process for Board of Appeals and put ethics rules in place.

Education (Holly Slack)

- Mental health is being addressed at the county school-wide level:
- <http://aacpsschools.org/pressr/?p=5268>
- <http://aacpsschools.org/pressr/?p=5270>
- Kindergarten finally started and today was the first full day.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

The next PCRC meeting will be on Sept 16 at 7:30 at 204 Pasadena Road. The speaker will be the current states attorney for AA county.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

Severn River Association (Lisa Bender)

- Next meeting at Union Jacks (flyer sent out earlier)
- County fair starts tomorrow
- First annual severn river summit (flyer will be sent out)

Magothy River Association (Paul Spadaro)

- They are keeping an eye on Marsh landing.
- They are aware of the BOA firestation appeal rezoning
- There is a toxic situation at Lake Waterford that has closed it due to nasty blue green algae bloom. This could be a source of pollution to the Magothy river. Meeting with UofM to take sediments. If contribute to blue green algae, can help county in efforts to get lake dredged. Demonstrating those sediments will make it easy for the county rectify.

Public Works Committee (Erin O’Neill)

They are trying to get work done on Evergreen during daylight hours but nobody has been working there lately.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote)

None.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- Speaker of the house is willing to work with us on airport noise.
- GAO will investigate the nextgen situation.

ASPIRE Report (Sandy Spadaro)

- Looking to collect auction items and giveaways celebrating 70 years of the Winklemyer family on Oct 7 beside the Winklemyer building.
- There will be a mid-october severna park museum fundraiser at brian borus.
- The nonprofit picnic will be on Sept 28 which is a great networking event for all nonprofits.

Unfinished Business

Please look at powerpoint that was put together and sent out about the 5G issue.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Next Meetings

General: October 8, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Severna Park Library

Board of Directors: September 24, 2019 at 7:15pm in the Severna Park Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.