



# GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL (GSPC)

Delegation Meeting Minutes

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*Delegation Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.*

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Delegation Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion made to accept minutes by Mary Vogelsang of Light Street Avenue, and seconded by Bill Lippincott of Kensington. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Checking account balance is \$5,260.36.
- One check cleared for \$120.

Membership (Steve Poland)

- Past Due for 2018: Bluff Point, Evergreen, Olde Severna Park, Kilmarnock, Severndale, Manhattan Beach, North Cape Arthur.
- Unpaid for 2 years or more: Erin Garth, Belleview Estates, Sullivan's Retreat, North Severna Park, Twin Harbors, Whitney's Landing.

Guest Speaker: Detective Dan Dickey

The difference between human trafficking and human smuggling is that human smuggling is someone voluntarily pays to be transported from point A to point B. Human trafficking is someone profiting from someone else involuntarily performing sex acts. Trafficking is the amount of currency someone is worth. Labor trafficking is the employment of someone who is illegal for a very low wage to get a large amount of work done. This is only a federal offense—not a state.

Since Det. Dickey has a nexus to federal government, he can investigate labor trafficking. He and his partner can also do federal cases. How big of a problem is human trafficking in this state? Anne Arundel County would happen airport, I95, but not seeing anything from casino yet. Planes, trains, and cars transport victims back and forth. The cases are on a circuit and mostly girls from TX, CA, etc. Ages 15-25. Most are pimp-driven. Pimp is synonymous with trafficker. "She" is a pronoun used a lot to describe a victim, but certainly males as well. It is a very underground market that is hard to get into. Baltimore City has a problem with this, but not AA

County, which is mostly young girls. Youngest victim is 11, and oldest is 63. AA County is on the map and sits in between Baltimore, Annapolis, DC, and Philadelphia. Annapolis is a dynamic city because it is in movies, has Naval Academy, etc.

Human trafficking is a 3-prong attack: go after the girls; after the clients; after the traffickers. Sometimes they lock the girls up, but AA County is very victim-centered, and work with lots of non-profits that will help victim. Sometimes the victim is better off in jail, because of protection, food, healthcare, and can get away from pimp. The trauma bond with a pimp is so strong that the only way to break it is in jail. If sent to a non-profit, she will be back with pimp within a couple hours. Beaten, whipped, etc. occurs in less than 2% of cases. Dealt with hundreds of traffickers, and only a handful have been put in dog cages. New York with Jamaican group can be very violent, and put girls in cages, but rare here. Finding girls at internet, low cost hotel, street. Detectives spend 6 hours a day searching porn. Computers get burned up from viruses. Prostitution. Back page dot com, escort finder, craigslist, but tinder not on list.

The hunting ground was back page dot com that cooperated with police. DOJ shut the page down for trafficking a few months ago. Not very happy about it, because investigators could get search warrants, subpoenas, etc. since they were in the US and had to comply. They would get things to investigators within an hour and send documents with everything needed for a case. Now they have to hunt in sites in Austria, Germany, countries he hasn't heard of, and cannot get any cooperation. They have taken many steps back due to DOJ shutting down back page.

How do you make a case on a live breathing victim? She must admit to something and want to cooperate. She can flee to another state while waiting 6 months for trail date. That's when they can take them to non-profits. Not very successful. Many cases closed because the girls do not see themselves as a victim. There is a case in federal court with 4 victims and the case is 4 years old. Has been able to maintain victims for 4 years, 3 are heroin addicts. Partner with federal partners, so the vice unit (2 detectives and 1 sergeant). Interview girls, follow pimps, make arrests. Task force has 23 people because of federal cooperation. Partner can call 23 more. The federal sentencing guidelines are mandatory. Pimp faces up to 10 years in jail and \$5k fine. Federal government starts at 10 years and goes up. State conviction would probably only serve 3 years. Federal system has 1 day of every good behavior, so 14 years would be 13 years and 6 months.

Recruitment is mostly done at malls. Parents send groups of teenagers to the mall. Pimps are masterminds. 63-year-old "turned out" was married, 100k job, and pimp still got her. Anywhere kids will congregate such as bus, mall. 11-year-old was runaway in DC and he promised her new shoes, everything she wanted, hair and nails done, everything she wanted. Multi-million-dollar real estate agent told her she would be given a house if she made more money than 3 others. Pimp took her to Atlantic City where she ran tricks all night long, then locked her up in Laurel. She was able to call her mom and wanted to come home. Got 23 years. 9 kids from 1 woman and was Glen Burnie resident.

There are 3 types of pimps: Psychological/Romeo/Mac pimp. Buys girls everything they could want. Girls think he's their boyfriend, then he doesn't have money because spent on her, then asked if she would help his cousin, then that step leads to being "turned out." A Guerilla Pimp dominates, takes her in, beats her and physically tortures until she gives in. Pimp at BWI from NY. Hit her with heated clothes iron. Told her she is going to work making him 1k. Found her on knock and talk. The Survival Pimp has girls doing it strictly for survival. These are most willing to take the help. No fear about trauma.

## Q & A

Q: What about foreigners that become trafficked?

A: True, but not very common. Mostly happy ending massage parlors from Vietnamese women trafficked. 7-day rotation of girls that comes through. The head of the snake is in Flushing, NY. We are at the tail and cannot do much. They are scared for their family overseas. PG County has Hispanic brothels and MS-13 gains, but mostly PG county and south. Has not done a case like this since 2013. Asian parlors are more a problem.

Q: What about our girls?

A: We are not getting response back from outside agencies about our girls. Predominantly we have some girls that get to Baltimore City/County, but we are a transport state. Not a lot of girls being put out to different states. Most are imported, not many homegrown. Maybe a dozen homegrown to the area, including Baltimore or Howard County. BWI Airport has over 6k hotel rooms. Baltimore/Howard County still has mom and pop rent by the hour hotels without registered guests. That is where most juveniles go because less tracking and paperwork.

Q: Why isn't Arundel Mills a problem?

A: Talk to 10-20 girls a month, casino is not set up for them. Open parking lot, nowhere to walk and hide, no place to conceal what they are doing. Horseshoe another story. MGM is PG county also not seeing it, because of how they are running hotel.

Q: Doug Nichols: Child snatching in central AA County?

A: 2 weeks ago someone put on Facebook that kids were being abducted in Gabes and Target. It is actually a church too heavy on recruitment. Korean church has close talkers and had ice cream socials and movie nights. Talked to children instead of adults. In Glen Burnie, walking up to 8yr old about how pretty they are, etc. Detectives spoke with the church. AA County is not seeing child abductions for trafficking. Traveler cases and knowing what your children are doing should be a bigger concern. Educating parents about the capabilities of smartphone. App that is hidden locker that looks like any other app. They can hide them in a phone vault. App has to be opened a certain way. How many know social media sites? Snapchat is huge because things disappear quickly. Nothing is gone, just has to be uncovered. Huge on child porn side. Middle schoolers taking pictures of each other naked, pictures screenshotted, and doesn't go anywhere. Parents need to educate themselves on their phones. Phone is stronger than laptop. Stranger Danger: What about strange girls? Pimps send girls. Girl goes over that's same age and tells that her buddy thinks she's cute. Watch out for guy selling kittens—also the girl. Targets girls with no confidence or self-esteem.

Q: Do you have stings?

A: Go to court and get slap on the wrist. Drug court for first time drug offenders. Dealing with a weekend sentence. Put up 3-4 ads. 4 numbers floating around. 6 hours. Each phone number averages 60-95 hits. Some guys just fishing, playing around, ask how girl sounds. Out of that, may get 6-15 to show up.

Q: Players gatherings? Can you swoop down on them?

A: How to make a case. Need to have victim and crime. Youtube is the best surveillance they have, giving them names and photographs. Whitey talks about growing up in different culture and how to immerse himself in culture. Huge difference between east coast and west coast trafficking. Fur coats is west coast. East coast is white tshirt and jeans, sometimes nice shoes. Out here is mostly alcohol and drug addiction. Out west, don't want alcohol or drugs.

Q: Can we help you in any way?

A: Call Detective Dan Dickey directly at 410.222.0323 instead of hotline. Hotline takes 4 days to get to him. Be aware of surroundings and what is happening in your neighborhood. Rentals are a problem. A girl working out of a house on B&A. Turn around, Courtney's House, Safe House of Hope, YWCA are non-profits that will help these people out. Best thing to do is help these non-profits. Churches getting involved to do drives and marathons. Look hard at organization you are giving to. Make sure donations go to non-profit. Nothing in AA County right now, although YWCA is dabbling into it.

## Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

Shop Local is Saturday, August 18 noon to 4pm at Park Plaza.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Art Timmons)

- Robinson Landing is 491 Asbury Drive, 8 homes, each on a 1,700 sq ft lot. Community Meeting on Aug 1, 2018 at Severna Park Library at 6:00 PM. Not much can be done. Plans approved.
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 Applied for subdivision on July 19, 2018. Community Meeting on Aug 20, 2018 at Severna Park Library at 6:00 PM. 18 homes on west side. Used to be 28. Dropped back section because of conservation easement. Still a lot of questions about runoff, stormwater, driveways, width of road.
- Enclave at Severna Park applied for subdivision on July 16, 2018. They held community meeting but did not record comments. Minutes did not reflect what happened at meeting. Notify and complain to OPZ. Also keep an eye on this.
- St Martins in the Field has modifications pending and one approved. They also have an approved site development plan. Are neighboring communities aware of this? Forest conservation was not approved. Colchester thought County had approved everything.
- Fairwinds Marina (on Magothy by the mouth) requested a time extension and it has been approved. Not sure whether this is the neighborhood or a different Marina. Fairwinds is on Jumpers Hole near Benfield. Colchester delegate has contact information for Fairwinds architectural committee. She will call to see if they are expanding marina. Fairwinds Marina is in Cape St. Claire.
- Legislation 70-18. Miniature pigs in residential districts. John Grasso.
- Legislation 77-18. Reduces restrictions on Conditional Use of premises for Medical Cannabis. Jerry Walker. Making it easier for these to come among us. Focus probably on Generals Highway corridor.
- Legislation 78-18. Deals with bike and pedestrian paths in subdivisions and developments.

- Legislation 84-18. Grandfathering variance and conditional use of premises for Medical Cannabis. Also Jerry Walker.
- Shipleys Choice Dam Removal Project. Put out bid and is 1.2mil more than estimate, so County is deciding whether to raise money for bid or reduce money needed for job. They are deciding which to do. In either case, they will hold a community meeting concerning the project. If bid happens, will start in June 2019 (just like previous years).
- Triangle at Benfield and West Benfield (See GSPC web page).
- Townhouses at Brightview Drive with 4 townhouses sitting there. There is a builder that will build the rest of it.

Education Committee (Holly Slack for Brad Myers)

Is there an issue with walkers being held too long at elementary schools, especially Oak Hill? Please contact parents and let us know.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- Thank you for arranging tonight's speaker. The presentation was very helpful and informative.
- National Night Out was very successful last Tuesday. Tremendous showing with Amy, Maureen, Doug, Mary, Julie volunteering. Great success despite high volume thunderstorm.

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

- Nestor Flores said they are postponing paving marking changes because they will not be able to complete community outreach that will allow resurfacing group to begin. They want to make sure everyone in the community agrees. They will move forward with decision on traffic signal.
- Addressing concerns at Benfield, Evergreen, Holland, etc.
- The light is not a done deal. The person who lives there still needs to look at it.
- Can we get communities to agree to put up lights to help crossing guard. One crossing guard has already been hit. Might be able to facilitate another meeting.
- Sally Mitchell, President of Evergreen Estates: People who live on Benfield should have input as well as community. They want individual voice instead of mass voice from Evergreen. They do not want a delegate representing them because there are over 100 people in the community.
- Susan Foote, Severna Gardens: Could you put this on front page of Voice? Dylan would like Council's blessing to address this. Make sure it's clear that we are facilitating discussion and not taking sides. Please contact Dylan [dylan@severnaparkvoice.com](mailto:dylan@severnaparkvoice.com) on either side of discussion.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

BWI Airport Roundtable member met with staff of Senator Thune's office about reducing the quantity, sharing the noise burden, and keeping the noise source as far as safely possible from residents.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

[Severn River Association](#) (SRA)

### Magothy River Association (MRA)

- Exposed soil and lawns are not maintained. MRA has given ultimatum to County about habitat protected area. If they don't hear from the county, MRA will take them to court. Monitoring area around Cattail Creek.
- Enclave issue: proposed at Brian Borus. Looking to work with lawyer from Chesapeake Legal Alliance. The sign is at Joe's Seafood and Rey's Seafood. That intersection is in a questionable state. None will be good for residents in the Magothy.
- All debris from storm went past mouth of Magothy and ended up elsewhere.
- Mussels are working for us. Visibility in river is pretty good. Storms will probably give us more mussels.
- September is circumnavigation month. Looks at river to see how things have changed from year to year. Spoke to DNR last month about very interesting wetland in Magothy. Might have new partnership with DNR.

### ASPIRE

On September 16 ASPIRE and Kiwanis will host a non-profit get-together from noon to 4pm.

### Unfinished Business

None.

### New Business

- Sally Mitchell, Evergreen Estates: There is a "For Sale" sign at Truckhouse and Benfield advertising 3 acres. Maureen saw it is R5—has it changed to commercial? The property has been proposed for development several times over the years. Usually there is enough objection and obstacles that the idea was given up each time.
- Citizens Advisory Committee for New Area Plan appointed Amy Leahy and Doug Nichols from Severna Park, along with other members. Thank you for representing Severna Park.
- All candidates on November's ballot are welcome to do a 5-minute presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

### Next meetings:

Delegation: September 11, 2018 SP Library 7:30pm

Board of Directors: September 25, 2018 SP Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.