

GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL (GSPC)
Delegation Meeting Minutes
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December 11, 2018

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Delegation Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Introductions

Ralph Suppa, new Hollywood community Delegate

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Deposited 3 checks \$105
- Cleared check for \$300 for web page maintenance
- Check for \$475 for insurance
- \$12.75 interest

President's Report (Steve Poland and Maureen Carr York)

Erin Garth Community rejoined GSPC, totaling 54 communities in good standing for 2018 .

Guest Speaker: Amanda Fiedler, County Councilwoman for District 33

Ms. Fiedler was sworn in at 3pm last Monday. The election had a record turnout across the county. A lot of seats flipped. There are now 5 females and 2 males versus the previous all-male council. Main areas of focus will be growth and development, taxes and budget, and adequate public safety. Funding changes from Kirwan commission and lockbox legislation will impact State funding. New County Executive said small area plans are coming back. She is thrilled. He has proposed some changes for CACs including adding more community members. There will be changes in Annapolis with department heads. High hopes P&Z folks will stay. Council is in pause until things settle. Ms. Fiedler is working on producing an e-newsletter and 2 public forums/town halls.

Q&A

Will the County Council address renting Airbnb for large parties? (GSPC President Maureen Carr York)

Although there are not any current regulations, they are starting to be put in place. Short-term rentals are also impacting parking for permanent residents in downtown Annapolis.

There are large lots on the water with higher density zoning. People want to subdivide the properties, specifically an R5 lot in Linstead community. None of these areas have proper stormwater management. Will you be addressing these concerns? (Craig Myers, Cypress Improvement Association)

I am going to be very active on GDP and will physically walk any piece considered for rezoning. There are builders that know better.

Have you hired a legislative assistant? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)

Pam Scarbo brings 16 years experience as a legislative assistant.

Will the County Council consider the need to downzone? (Paul Spadaro, Magothy River Association)
It would help to downzone. The challenge is property owners who have been paying taxes and they would lose money. There were some upzoned that did not really want it, so we might reach out to those property owners and see if they are open to downzone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

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- Very successful tree lighting ceremony.
- There will be a Health and Wellness Expo on January 19.
- New installation for Board of Directors will happen the last Wednesday in January.

Nominating Committee (John Norville)

GSPC President has re-appointed Dan Nataf and adding Art Timmons as Directors Emeritus. Nominating Committee Chair John Norville thanked Committee members Jack Mason and Amy Leahy for serving on the Committee this year. At this Delegates Meeting, Chm. Norville advised Delegates that the Committee had met and the following is the slate that is unanimously proposed, per the GSPC By-Laws. Most are Incumbents, and we thank all for serving again:

President	*Maureen Carr-York
Vice-President:	*Brad Myers
V. P. Public Affairs	Amy Leahy [<i>a Director & Assoc. Chm. P&Z Comm.</i>]
Secretary:	*Holly Slack
Treasurer:	*Steve Poland
Director:	*John Norville [<i>Nominated by Board of Directors</i>]
Director:	*Bill Lippincott
Director:	*Erin O'Neill
Director:	Doug Nichols [<i>Chm. Police Relations Comm.</i>]

*Incumbents

Chm. Norville noted that this is the third and final call for candidates per the By-Laws and asked if anyone present was interested in nominating themselves or another willing individual as a candidate? Being none, Chm. Norville moved to adopt the slate as presented.

Without objection the slate of candidates noted above was Approved.

Electronic Voting by Delegates, "Yes or No", will be conducted Dec. – Jan. by the Treasurer, with results announced at the Jan. 2019 meeting.

Nominating Committee Approvals: *John Norville*, Chairman, Director, Delegate; Jack Mason, Member; Amy Leahy, Member.

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

- The County is looking into creating R4 zoning.
- Keep an eye on 714 Dill Road -- sometimes this becomes a prerequisite for other lots.
- East Joyce Lane: modification pending.
- Wroxeter Estates: Sketch plan approved 11/28/18. 5 lots of 56 acres of waterfront property. This one is terrifying.
- Enclave of Severna Park: could put 12 residents in charge of Cattail creek. Worried about where this is going.
- Grainfields at Severna Park where the Garden store is near Jumpers Hole. Set in for community meeting. They are asking about getting 4 story age restriction. Put in new request in October.

Can only be developed as single family according to current zoning. Sign on Jumpers Hole Rd past Kinder Rd huge Ameristar sign. Spring of 2019? Already on existing lots? Kinders deeded that land to families years ago.

- Traffic circle at Jumpers Hole circle also has Ameristar sign. Somehow this got past all of us. Please keep an eye out for these signs and information and contact the council when you see something.
- Dept of Public Works did a plan to help Jumpers Hole and we still have not heard the results.
- There is a 15% property tax discount for veterans. Call 410.222.1144 office of finance for information on how to apply.
- R5 used to be a special exception but now can have townhouses in R5 which is why there is such an uptick in townhouses. If these were rezoned to R4, then townhouses would be excluded.
- GSPC has Cattail Creek Caucus and they have taken the lead on most matters concerning Cattail creek and Magothy.
- Marsh Landing: Attorney Ryan Kennedy spoke for MRA. Litigation status. Document dated Jun 22 that approves Marsh landing project. It surfaced for the first time wed of last week. What happened in interim is unknown. Was something unpublished? All of this is in public record. Were told they would be met with twice, promised correspondence, then plan was approved and surfaced as document. All of the sudden Berrywood is behind. That is why MRA is partnering with Berrywood. Should they be parties to the lawsuit? The person who bought the property knew it was in critical area, not people who have been here for generations.

Education Report (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- Winter concerts and break coming up.
- New Board of Ed was put in place last week.

Police Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- Presented Scott McAdoo with thank you gift from St. Martin's Episcopal School.
- Next PCRC meeting will be awards and families.

Public Works (Erin O.Neil)

- State Highway representatives will be February's guest speakers. Please prepare any questions about state highways which are roads with numbers: rt 2, 3, B&A and send to Erin O'Neill.
- Senator Ed Reilly will have an article in the January edition of the Severna Park Voice regarding Evergreen and Cedar to increase pedestrian safety by changing Evergreen from arterial to collector road.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

None.

Environmental Committee (Lisa and Paul)

Severn River newsletter sent out. See P&Z section on Marsh Landing for MRA update.

ASPIRE Report (Amy)

- They are working on creating a Severna Park museum.
- ASPIRE Dinner will be the last Wednesday in March to honor people in community. Any community or river association can nominate a recipient. They are looking at the possibility of creating a new award for local heroes.
- Also looking into sponsoring trash cans at bus stops.

Old Business

The noise from sports fields is not as bad now that days are shorter and colder. The worst part is the warmup music.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Next meetings:

- Delegation Meeting: January 8, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library
- Board of Directors: January 22, 2019, 7:15pm at Severna Park Library