

Greater Severna Park Council
February 12, 2019
Delegation Meeting Minutes

President Maureen Carr York called the GSPC Delegation meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Guests:

Betty Winklemyer Wells in attendance

James Reed, Community Engagement for District 5 New Rep for County Executive's Office

County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler

Elizabeth Rosborg, Arnold Preservation Council

Pat Lynch, Broadneck Council of Communities

Guest Speaker: County Executive [Steuart Pittman](#)
Email slpittman@aacounty.org

A lot of incoming information from 40 different departments.

- Stormwater Management: Surprised county government had files of things they wanted to get done. Greg Swain is the new County Attorney and looking at adequate facilities ordinance. They hope to strengthen requirements for developers on traffic. For example, if a road does not have passing grade, it must be made better than it is. They will require bonds from developers so they are held liable if it does not work for the first 2-3 years. Many other counties have done this. Things getting approved that should not be. Inspections and permits has had a culture of serving the builders as if they are their clients, but so is the community. Replacing leadership there.
- Erosion and sediment control: Why are we approving plans that will not work? County can do more than state requires but currently we are not even doing what the state requires. They are not supposed to clear more than 20 acres at a time. There are disasters at locations, especially because of record rain. He will be at the Severn River Association meeting to look at what more can be done to strengthen building requirements.
- Budget: Since 2008, there is a citizen who has been keeping track of impact fee money owed. He determined we are only at 47% of what it should be. Impact fees are a no brainer and other counties have higher. Developers are terrified of fees so we will raise fees and builders can go elsewhere. There will be developer opposition but probably not community opposition. Planning and Zoning has been tougher and not approving things developers are used to having approved. The county is also looking to ban campaign contributions from developers when they have something in the pipeline.
- Failing septics: the old administration cut sewer and water connection fee by 30%. The new county executive has talked to public works about bringing it back to where it was.

- GDP: working on 2009 plan. Has small area plan for Severna Park. Before 2009, they did not mandate small area planning. He is looking at where the small area plans fit and timeline for GDP. GDP done by 2009. State has told county extensions can be given. Do some sort of visioning process and updating small area plan like Mayo. Broadneck has updated theirs. Trying to get someone from each small area and others representing sectors. Looking to have a lot of community input.
- Former Councilman Chris Trumbauer is overseeing policy and communications in the county executive's office. There are parts of the county that should be done developing, but that does not mean the end of revenue and building. Some development is fiscally good. Currently in negotiations with contractor Smart Growth America that can analyze what projects have paid off and what dug us into a hole. Something good needs to happen to vacant spaces like a half empty malls where crime occurs. Putting smart growth by transportation and areas by racetrack in Laurel. Where does the county *want* to see development?
- Climate, resiliency, and sea level rising: Met with Mayor's office with assessment of Annapolis. Making sure that when floods happen, the building can bounce back.
- Creating a Land Use Officer to work with different agencies on land use.
- Transition teams in every area just submitted first drafts of what they are doing.
- James Reed is the new Community Engagement Constituent Services for our area.
- Budget: School board will vote on February 20. County Executive Budget Town Hall will take place at SPHS on **March 26 at 6pm**.

Q&A:

Dustin Ferris, Cool Pond: High school construction neglected an old pipe near baseball field and changed Cool Pond. Lots of sedimentation has caused a foot or more in pond. Need to get sediment out of the pond and never been remediated. Need to do something to pond and should not be on neighborhood since result of county construction. Used to fish in pond but not able anymore. Company has hydraulic dredge and could be done in a few days. Been working on this for 3 years.

Pat Lynch, Broadneck Council of Communities: Traffic studies have been given to developers who were working on a project and took control of the study, owned by developer. They have never been to an appeal and Ken has been refused. "Traffic Concepts" is company hired by every developer and have been banned by City of Annapolis. Monthly meeting with IMP but Pat was only person outside of development community outside of meeting. Developers talked about all the errors they made. What will they do for the homeowners? They said nothing and laughed. County and state laws need to tighten up because developers will only do the bare minimum.

Pat Rogers, President of East Earleigh Heights: She lives behind Harris Teeter. They had no remedy or proposals for the impact such a development would incur. 17 acres developed? Allowed the shopping area to be built right up by houses. Another development has already

been proposed for assisted living. There is too much bait and switch. They want a barrier to protect their community from all the noise.

Maureen Carr York, GSPC President: historic neighborhoods are being encroached upon.

Things promised like sidewalks have never materialized. There is a need for follow-up.

Answer: If commitments were made they need to comply. He has told the office of law that they will be ramping up.

Linda Curry, Airport Noise Roundtable: Airplane noise in AA County is very bad as a result of changes to flight paths. Health issues and property values are suffering.

Answer: Senator Reilly has introduced a bill to get a study. Everyone around the country is dealing with issues. Congressman Anthony Brown was just put onto the transportation committee. Make sure to get in touch with his staff.

Linda: compromised with Howard county but not AA County. Proposal left Aa County out.

Answer: need to have legal handles and leverage to force the issue. They will not even meet anymore and have stopped conversations.

Linda: Legislators could do more but do not know about it. Howard county does much more than AA county.

Answer: Southwest wants 5 more gates. The only leverage would be to hold up construction. Already zoned for an airport.

Royers: Marsh Landing: Nobody in permits group had a copy, only developer. Before Board of Appeals on May 23. Developer is appealing them getting a hearing. County did not notify GSPC, MRA, or Berrywood. How will anyone know the county approved the plan? Cattail Caucus formed and went to P&Z. Did not say which ones were open and pending. Also concerned about about Enclave. 7 of 10 agencies denied it, but it happened with Marsh Landing.

Elizabeth Rosberg, Arnold Preservation Council: want this changed in the county code.

Overlooking proposed sketch plans. Why can't we be added to the distribution plan when requesting information? Have to pay for sketch plans. Why can't they be put into drop box?

Comment letters in 30 days but they could have been in for 15 days.

Answer: Send us something and we will take it straight to the office of law and see if they can get something done.

Elizabeth: COMAR

Answer: want to communicate with GAN and need their support during bills

Elizabeth: Would like to be added to distribution lists on interested developments when new sketch plans come in.

Answer: contact Phil Hager's office.

Ann Mitchell: Notification signs are too small.

Answer: Community organizations should be notified.

Transition committee is working on having a system about development and planning departments maps are too difficult. Cannot cut and paste number from pdf which makes it too hard to find. The new Automated system will make is easier for developers to apply and easier for citizens to access but the project will take 3 years. Training sessions for communities.

Committee Reports

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to approve January Delegation meeting minutes made by Mary Vogelsang of Light Street Avenue and seconded by GSPC Director Amy Leahy. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

Checking account balance is \$4,495.36.

Membership Report (Steve Poland)

54 communities in good standing. Dues notices have gone out.

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

- Maryland State Highway Administration will be rescheduled for March 12. Among other topics will be 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.
- 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
- 132 Overlea Rd, Severna 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.
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 The final Sketch Plan Phase for this project was approved on Thursday, January 17, 2019, subject to pages of comments which must occur before the next step in development can occur. The approved plan permits 18 new lots along the planned Gough Court. That is down from the original 28 lots.
- 61 East Joyce Lane Modifications pending, 11/27/2018. SPECIMEN TREES; REFORESTATION FEE IN LIEU; DPW DESIGN MANUAL; CONSERVATION THRESHOLD; STEEP SLOPES/BUFFERS.
- The letter of Request and Justifications for Modifications for this 29 lot sketch plan is 34 pages long. Any plan that needs that much explanation as to why it should be built in conflict with the County Code needs to be reviewed very carefully. Arnold Preservation Council.

- Badro Property Rezoning has been appealed to the Circuit Court. The Shipley's Choice Homeowners Association is leading the opposition to this appeal using Karen Zavakos, a SCHOA resident and lawyer as their appeal opposition leader.
- West Benfield may be closed for the rest of 2019. It is a muddy mess. The sign is difficult to see.

Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- Presentation and Q&A with Officer Schwartz on Feb. 21 at 7pm about online safety.
- Escalation – from One Love on Sunday, Feb. 24 6pm at Woods Church about healthy relationships – and is for both boys and girls. There's also a student and parent component.
- The Severna Park Elementary Cluster CAC Representative to the Board of Education will be open and posted in June. View the application [here](#).

Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The AACPD reported that there have been 51 stolen vehicles (including dirt bikes and bobcats) to date for 2019. The same time last year, there were 71. The PD is watching for trends in crime. One month's data is not enough to call this reduction in stolen vehicles over the same time in 2018 a trend. Additionally, the AACPD reported that currently there are 699 officers staffed out of the 755 positions approved for hiring. The current police academy has 29 future police officers. The new AACPD Police Academy should be open come May 2019, and the next class should start with 50 trainees, an increase to the "old" academy's capacity.
- The next AACPD Eastern District's Police Community Relations Council meeting is set for 20 February 2019 at the Eastern District Headquarters, Pasadena Road, Pasadena, MD, starting at 7:30PM.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender)

Next SRA meeting will be Feb 19 at Union Jacks.

Watershed Academy (watershed stewards academy) Feb 23 at northeast high school,

Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

Water tables are higher than ever and overflowing springs which is why B&A has so much water.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

ASPIRE Awards: looking for leadership award nominations recognizing leaders in our community. Nominees are due by the beginning of March.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

At the meeting in January, the response from the Roundtable to the FAA proposal was rewritten. The document no longer contains any mention of approval from the Roundtable for any of the proposed changes. In addition, language was added that stressed the need for

further changes from the FAA to include Anne Arundel County and arrivals. Many on the Roundtable believe the current proposal is woefully inadequate to address all the problems at BWI, the FAA has not finished their job, and they need to continue working with the RT in good faith. It was made clear that the Anne Arundel side was not against a small change for Howard County but that no change for Anne Arundel county was unacceptable. I shared that the County Council, Senator Reilly's office and the GSPC wanted the FAA to continue to find solutions for Anne Arundel county.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meetings:

GSPC Delegation Meeting: March 12, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library

GSPC Board of Directors Meeting: February 26, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library