

# **GSPC Beach Meeting – 7/18/2017 Olde Severna Park Beach**

## **Introductions and Call to order at 7:41pm by GSPC President Maureen Carr-York**

- June Minutes available via email sent earlier in the day. No questions or comments on the minutes

## **Airport Noise – Linda Curry**

- An impact Group is meeting in August. Linda Curry is encouraging complaints to the normal channels.
- Local political support for FAA Legislation to change the flight paths back to prior approach.

## **Watch List – Art Timmons**

- Comprehensive Rezoning – county bill passed to start the process
- New Planning and Officer is coming on board.
- 4 more hearings scheduled for the Chartridge project with Board of Appeals
- Discussion on YMCA? Project in Arnold
- Agritourism bill killed after Jerry Walker added a poison pill amendment.
- Bill about Auxiliary structures passed

## **Arnold Preservation Council – Elizabeth**

- YWCA (Not YMCA) has submitted zoning requests for building a Woman's shelter and another future support facility off Old Frederick Road in Arnold. Public meeting looming.
- Trails/Greenway Infrastructure planning. Some discussion on the phase 3 and 4 of the Broadneck trail that will basically continue trail from Cape St Clair all the way to Ritchie Highway. Some lack of clarity on whether the Ritchie Highway crossing will be at Jones Station (normal crossing that connects through communities) or an eventual "bridge" that has a lot more cost and other requirements.

## **Broadneck Council of Communities**

- Meeting on ?? at 7:30pm at the Cape St Clair Clubhouse, will have AA County Public Works, AA Police and discussion on what is coming to the Broadneck Peninsula
- Concern over the Logan property which is 50 acres near Rugby Hall
- Meeting Aug 26<sup>th</sup> on the Broadneck Trail Connections
- Water Access Study that is focused on expanding water access to 2 locations on the peninsula. They want to add boat ramps and parking to ???

## **Cattail Commons Settlement**

- All parties signed to the agreement.
- Terms
  - o 11 acres to be held and/or donated to the County and not developed
  - o 2 acres rezoned to C3 along Ritchie Highway

- Abandon the challenge of the Apartments off of Wishing Rock Road

## **Group Discussion**

### **Discussion Points – Major Community Issues Query**

#### West Severna Park

- Flight Noise
- Illegal Beach usage/Beach Security

#### Cypress Improvement

- Some members want a special tax district

#### Chartwood

- Safety and Airplane Noise

#### Cool Pond

- High School Project and Sediment Issues
- Pipe between the ball fields dumping into community

#### Severna Gardens

- Safety and Security. Unwanted Solicitation
- Traffic through area in general and school related traffic

#### Crain West

- No current issues

#### Robinson Retreat

- SPHS parking for new stadium. Will it be adequate and how to deal with the issue.

#### Berrywood South

- Turnover of community and maintaining participation in association and involvement

#### Olde Severna Park

- Replace Beach Building/Improve Clubhouse
- Beach Security
- Volunteer Association and Money

#### Carrolton Manor

- Size, largest community in area
- 3 beaches to maintain
- How to engage people in a community so large

#### Bellmeade

- The light at Earleigh Heights
- How to handle HOA issues in such a small community with very close bonds among the participants

#### Ben Oaks

- Security and trespassing on Property
- Stormwater Mgmt – got grant to do special project but lost money because couldn't get a proper project approved or done.

#### Hollywood on the Severn

- Volunteer HOA
- Participation and Security issues

#### Chartridge

- Stormwater Mgmt
- Speeding Cars thru community
- Poolhouse/Clubhouse expansion

#### Severndale

- Beach Area/Security
- Getting volunteers involved in any community activities

#### Kensington

- Snow removal in Courts

#### Colchester on the Severn

- Home reconstruction issues
- Dock build without notifying the community

#### Lakeland South – Nothing specific

#### Tam Glade – Nothing specific

### **Dues Payment and Community Communication Discussion**

Group was queried on what their Association type and dues structure is currently.

A wide diversity of approaches. Many of the communities have volunteer associations but there are some that are special tax districts and standard HOAs. Many of the communities that had volunteer associations also had lower annual dues ranging from \$30 to \$100 annually. Most of these communities did not have specific community amenities such as a pool or beach. The water access communities and/or some newer communities were in the range of \$100 to \$600 annually with some optional costs depending on whether you participated in

the beach or pool access. Other amenities such as boat slips are typically outside of the standard dues structure (boat slips usually charged by the foot or slip).

### **Communication and Participation Discussion**

Ideas to encourage homes to participate in voluntary associations, pay dues and how to communicate to members.

- Send Self addressed (stamped) envelopes out with dues request
- Have member only website access
- Facebook Access only to members
- Implementing an effective community Portal that accommodates online payments
  - o Some products discussed such as Club Express which is a paid portal product
- Use of social media and online tools for communication
  - o Nextdoor
  - o Standard Email Lists
  - o Facebook
    - Some breakout community specific vs Selling/Exchanging crap and services
    - Severna Park/County Specific sites such as SP Chatter, AA County 1<sup>st</sup> Alert
  - o HOA specific websites some of which incorporate Pay Pal or other pay systems
  - o Creating a community Patch (AOL)
  - o Google Groups
- Community Events with a payback
  - o Example of a community clean up where participants receive a rebate on their community dues.

### **Security Specific Discussion**

- Gates and Beach access.
  - o Push to more automated gates and improved technology
  - o How to get police access to gates (like the fire dept already has)
    - Some have just given local cops they know patrol area access fobs
- Cameras, cameras and threat of cameras.
  - o Technology is advancing to provide less expensive camera technologies
  - o Most felt the use (or threat) of cameras was effective to some degree
  - o Some felt just adding camera signage was effective

- Hiring off duty Police for patrols
- Importance of calling 911 for all problems
  - o This is how the police determine where they will patrol
  - o Not an issue to call 911 for non-emergencies this is what the police want/encourage

### **Professional Community Association Mgmt**

- None of the participating communities use a professional service any longer
- Concerns over cost and effectiveness