



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

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*General Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday
of the month.*

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Board Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

2 Candidates:

[Dana Schallheim](#) lives in Oakleigh Forest of Severna Park and is running for Board of Ed representing District 5. Her daughter is in first grade at Folger McKinsey. She was an energy consultant for the Federal Government and has 2 business degrees, one MBA. Her primary concerns are large class sizes, staff that doesn't get paid, investing in schools, higher property values, and bringing fiscal oversight and accountability to Board.

[Jim Fredericks](#) is a lifelong county resident running for Sheriff after service 26 years in police department. He is running in a contested Republican primary, and is the only lifelong Republican in the race. Court security for Circuit Court building. Building threat analysis and modeling. Making buildings more secure. Speaking at next Eastern District meeting next Wednesday at 7:30.

Featured Speaker:

[Wes Adams](#) has been Maryland's State's Attorney for the past 3 years. He was a prosecuting attorney in both P.G. County and in Homicide in Baltimore City.

In dealing with the opioid crisis, they put together a plan to prosecute aggressively, educate to prevent, and rehabilitate. He became the first prosecutor to create program called "Safe Stations": if someone is suffering from addiction, they can walk into police station or a fire station and ask for help without fear. This helps them vet the folks coming in, assess whether they are a danger to the community, and then get released into the care of crisis intervention team. 2500 people came in to lay down needle, 60% staying sober, which is 5x the national average. Year to date, numbers are down, but people are dying. Imagine 8 grains of sand, where people are mixing in fentanyl. The problem is straight fentanyl or heroin mixed with fentanyl. Residivism rate is 1 in 4. Veterans court program started. Judge McKenna has 23 participants in program. Made it into 9 different high schools, 53 community presentations, 20 not my child events to talk to parents. JUUL: the current rage among kids for ingesting alternative substances. Need children to make better decisions when people offer them these substances. They are

aggressively prosecuting people in supply. He has also been appointed to Governor's council on Gangs on how to develop best practices to combat statewide gang problem.

Since being in office, Mr. Adams has doubled trials, increased conviction rate, decreased manslaughter convictions to 2. They have tried 45 domestic violence cases and are convicting domestic violence offenders. The Safe Streets Model is the atomic particle of what intelligence prosecution is all about. He wants kids to understand what they're facing. He believes keeping the community safe means building better cases and getting strong convictions.

Q&A:

1. Is the number of gangs increasing or decreasing? (John Norville)

We are aware and keeping clamp down on it. Number of investigations and indictments. Federal prosecutions have different sentencing schemes that can wrap into and gives broader ability to sweep more people. They have been ordered to stand down and stay quiet. 18 person sweeping indictment 6-8 weeks ago. We have documented gangs around here. MS-13 gang operates in Annapolis and work in community most afraid of law enforcement, lack of trust. Ripe for being preyed upon. Has done some Spanish seminars. Trying to build bridges into that community and type of protections offered to help civilians.

2. Is fentanyl a narcotic? (Paul Spadaro)

Yes, it is the substance anesthesiologists give when being put someone to sleep. It is a high-level opiate designed for breakout pain imported from the black market in China. They found 6,000 fake fentanyl out of Odenton made to look like oxytocin. Addicts know who is dealing fentanyl and seek them out, because it's the best substance.

3. Do you differentiate between fentanyl and carfent? (Doug Nichols)

It is the same drug, but carfent will put rhino down.

4. How do you work with the Naval Academy in terms of jurisdiction? (Amy Leahy)

We work with the Naval Academy when cadets are out in community. We look at who can have the better bang for the buck in prosecution. Naval Academy punishment is usually better than we can get.

5. If re-elected, what would be your budgetary needs? (Anonymous)

We are trying to grow budget responsibly. We have hired 5 prosecutors over past 3 years, some paralegals and staff. We have 52 lawyers and make use of temporary employees as needed. Long term plan is 12 more and support staff.

6. What is most egregious thing that's come up at SPMS? (Anonymous)

I have an 8th and 10th grader, and have heard stories in bathrooms where offering marijuana oils, JUUL. The oils are being placed into JUUL pods so they can be ingested that way. Youngest heroin overdose is 13. 19 yr old died from fentanyl laced marijuana. Not heard of heroin in Severna Park middle school.

7. What is the criteria for deporting or incarcerating? (Pat Lynch)

Deportation is federal authority. Once convicted, federal government has their own guidelines. ICE proceedings and agencies that work with them are wholly independent. Homeland Security is alerted via jail system. ICE generally waits until the sentence is over.

8. Is there evidence of sentencing changing? (Doug Nichols)

Judge Silkworth took someone who he would have let out and crafting sentence to keep him in 18 months again. Judge Mulford has a trial with someone who is facing a life sentence. John Farnay podcast with Wes Adams. Domestic violence sentences and pleas 18-19 years. Lawyers are trying cases and getting decades sentences.

9. Has the number of plea bargains reduced? (John Norville)

It is not that they've reduced, but that results are better. Is the plea offer worth something? Make count 1, drive home a good sentence, then can get a good plea.

Committee Reports

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Mary Voggelsteen of Light Street Avenue motioned to approve corrected February minutes with second by Lisa Bender of Carrolton Manor. Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

Checking account has \$4,990.36

Membership Report (Steve Poland)

Waiting on a few communities to send in 2018 dues.

Police Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

Be sure to check your smoke detectors. The next meeting will be on March 21, 7pm at the Eastern District Station.

Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

Nothing to report.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy)

- Listening sessions will now incorporate some of small area plans. Severna Park and Arnold will encompass into a small area plan.
- March 19, 2018 Bill 14-18 will restrict residential rezoning to a more dense zoning unless certain conditions are proven.
- Bill 15-18 will allow projected enrollment to be considered in Adequate Public Facilities – Public Schools.
- April 2, 2018 Bill 17-18 will freeze rezoning until the new General Development Plan is submitted to the Planning Advisory Board, or January 20, 2020.
- Bill 18-18 will set 12 new Standards for granting Special Exceptions by the Board of Appeals, and 2 new Requirements for granting Special Exceptions by the Administrative Hearing Officer.

- Bill 19-18 will require notification of property owners within 300 feet of the submitting property, and two properties next door in all directions.
- Paul Spadaro asked about what is happening by Joe's Seafood and Brian Boru's? There seem to be surveyors out.

Patricia Rogers lives in the area behind Magothy Gateway where Harris Teeter is. The developers took down 17 acres and most neighbors were not notified. Once they met with planners, everything had already been approved. Dealt with building, construction, and noise all last summer. Now all they see is the back of buildings. Harris Teeter is 24 hours which brings in lots of lights, noise, and traffic. It seems that once these realtors get in, they are in. Notification is mandatory at 175 feet, so developers plan just a little over to avoid the requirement of notifying neighbors.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

- Lisa Bender introduced Miranda, an 8th grader working on Silver Award for Girl Scouts. She has put together a workshop called "Creating an Eco-Friendly Backyard" on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 2-4:30pm at Severna Park Library. RSVP by April 15 to gardenforthebay@gmail.com.
- Next Tuesday, March 20 Councilman Trumbauer will be featured speaker at Union Jacks. SRA has been drawing crowd on workshops.
- This week, tomorrow night, Generals Highway community association is having a meeting on the proposed ball fields, convention center, multimillion hotel at the white building that looks like old church.
- State of Magothy: County has no monitoring spots, and state only has 1.
- Charlie Nolte bench has been installed at Beachwood park. There will be a celebration when weather gets better.
- MRA working with Towson and Anne Arundel on yellow perch. Not a strong spawn because of wacky high and low tides. Fish are not doing their thing.

Education Report:

[Kirwan Commission Report](#) has been released, and the new focus will be on pre-kindergarten and careers in tech (versus sole focus on college-readiness).

ASPIRE Report:

GSPC Board voted to nominate Holly Slack. Awards Banquet at Chartwell Country Club will be held on March 28. Please let Maureen know if you want to help with the dinner.

Airport Noise Committee Report:

Sent out earlier today and everyone should have received it via email.

SPHS Demo Committee (George Foote)

Bus entrance open and comical at beginning to watch. Lights on constantly. Turned off at 9:30 automatically. Buses departing still go out staff parking to go west, or use bus entrance for departure.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Lisa Bender made a motion to support the common sense legislative bills. John Norville seconded. Motion adopted.

Next meetings:

- General: 4/10/18 at SP Library, 7:30pm featuring County Executive Steve Schuh
- Board of Directors: 3/27/18 at SP Library, 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.