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GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Delegation Meeting Minutes

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

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Board Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Guests/Introductions

Mike Pierce of St. Martin's Lane (thinking of joining)

Katie Bower, alternate for Kensington

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to adopt the August Delegation minutes made by Mary Vogelsang, and seconded by Doug Nichols. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Finished audit and will report to Board.
- Cleared one check for National Night Out.
- Gained \$17 in interest.

Membership (Steve Poland)

- 3 more dues checks received.
- 53 communities in good standing.

Guest Speaker Presentation

[Terry Gilleland](#), representing D31 because arranged by state legislative districts. He is now a candidate for District 5. He was student member in '94/5, and graduated from Loyola and then obtained a Master's degree from UB.

AA Co. has the only school board where student member has voting rights. His year a student member was the year of the sex scandal and they were on Geraldo show. During this 2 year period was certainly an eye-opener for a high school student. He is a lifelong resident of this county. Wife from SPHS and he graduated from North County. VP on Board. If he wins, he will be there for 6 years, and if he loses, he will be there for 2 more years. Same with Julie Hummer. Tomorrow superintendent releases capital budget plan and will hear 25mil plan for capital spending. They are looking at Crofton HS and Papa Johns Farm for Old Mill. Current Old Mill

will be flattened and potentially MS somewhere on that campus as well. Looking at official blueprint tomorrow.

Main areas of focus will be feedback on class sizes. They had 2 years to fix health care fund issue. No new teachers and student enrollments were up 1500. Without the net increase in teachers, the additional 1500 students crippled us. County Exec and County Council were helpful and able to get 126 new teachers but this did not solve problem. He is also currently State Director of Adult Education, and prior to that worked for Guardian Education. He is part of curriculum department mostly overseas. Sees what's happening abroad and people that will graduate overseas and we need to be doing more. Teaching our first graders to be competitive in a work force environment where we do not know what's coming is not working. The best we can do right now is smaller class sizes, but it is hard to put a price on that. His entire professional career is about workforce development. Also looking at pay increases for teachers. Those who have been teaching 10-12 years are leaving to go to Howard County and Montgomery County, then come back and can start making more at higher salary. It makes perfect sense. They are paid on par with what they were making at other counties. We end up training teachers to be the very best and then they leave for another jurisdiction. Colleges are not breeding educators anymore. Maryland imports more teachers than it creates. In summary, the 2 most important items are smaller classes and teacher raises. There will be 5 new members on County Council either way, starting in December.

Q&A

Q: School start times? (Brad Myers)

A: 2 years ago they did a slide and shifted back to pre-1996. Supported it at that time. Direction given to superintendent and resolved high school, but it put pressure on middle and elementary schools. Plan was to make sure elementary schools leaving at 4pm had a plan. Trying to fix the rest now. Board has not been willing to put investment into any changes because of need to focus on class sizes and compensation. Curious to see what superintendent will recommend but does not think it will come up this year. 10 or 15 minutes off a school day should help but price tag for initial shift would be \$8mil. Current county exec and council will not fund.

Q: Any legislation that will impact AA Board of Ed? (Amy Leahy)

A: There are 2 commissions whose work is coming to an end, one of them the Kirwan commission. Predicted to ask for additional 2billion for funding. Will go to ways and means in house and then legislatures will get hands on it. Matt is looking at capital. Dept of Labors looking at MD HS task force that Terry is working on as part of job.

Q: How much of our public school money is going into charter schools? How much does a charter school take that could go into public schools? (Lisa Bender)

A: Contract school in Annapolis Monarch had 7.5mil dollar initial commitment and now 4mil this year, added on to what was previously committed. All under Children's Guild which also does fundraising. Chesapeake Science Point also does fundraising. Actual amount of money per student less than public school student. They have to take all applicants equally by lottery, not cherry-pick. Parents put in a lot of volunteer time. Charter schools fund their own buildings so can build more easily. Chesapeake Science Point is in their last year of contract and probably asking to be expanded.

Q: Are they adjusting the weekly schedule? Broken up and don't got to 5 day schedule? (Susan Foote)

A: The calendar committee does its schedule for the following year. How many days closed are state mandated is interesting. On top of mandatory developments and trainings, along with state board education requirement of a certain number of days. Half days count as full days, but they provide answers to calendar problems. Next year will be difficult because primary election in March or April and June 15 is in the middle of the week. TACC conversation interesting (teacher union). Could not send teachers but they went so had not enough substitutes and they were at conference. Not a huge supply of substitute teachers anymore either.

Q: Amanda Fiedler: PTO president of Broadneck school and had one guidance counselor. Stress put on counseling system can be pronounced. Want to thank for additional part time counselor added to staff and already seeing improvements.

Last comment: Oak Hill is the next focus that is putting strain on schools and resources because too large, and developers in the area. This county has changed so much in past few decades. Needs are evolving. Help the student that doesn't have the guidance counselor and feeling overwhelmed. When parents and leaders come up, it helps. Oak Hill is bursting at the seams.

Amanda Fiedler, Republican Candidate for County Council

- Bill 94-18 Exempting adequate school facilities for Parole Town Center Growth Management Areas.
- Resolution 31-18 Supporting establishment of No Discharge Zones for many waterfront properties. Major pollution disaster at Cattail Creek: Paul Spadaro.
- GDP before county council. Amy and doug Nichols on CAC. Wants community members to be engaged. CAC will not have any impact on GDP. Will not get input until 2027. Looking for more community input. Mayo peninsula put together report of 10 pages ready to go. County council should take into account communities that have put together reports.
- Also will look at comp rezoning. Move forward with transparency. Applications scanned and online, can zoom in and see plotlines.
- Adequate public facilities. Worked 2 years ago and then shelved. Take report off of shelf and use to look at.
- Rt 2 always issue. County council has ability to try and get state funding every year. (rt 2 is state). Chair of house and senate sign off on letter. Rt 2 needs to be on list every year strategically placed. Cannot ask for all of Rt2. Need study done on corridor for key areas. Opened up for public opinion and only a handful of people attended the meeting. 1 or 2 county council members that show up. Amanda will be there every year if elected advocating for Rt 2. Need governor to get more funding on roads in this area. Failed bill needs to be looked at again. This planning and zoning officer might work better with us than previous.
- Comprehensive rezoning: last minute requests for rezoning by councilmen who purposely waited until the very last minute so public had no idea and no hearings. Please stop this from happening.
- 108 townhouses on Brightview Rd is result of one of the last thing in door. Developer is coming back soon to complete project. Already has water and sewer.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)
Shop Local went well.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation committee (Art Timmons)

- 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.
- 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.
- St Martins in the Field has one modification pending one approved. They also have an approved site development plan. This issue is about done.
- Fairwinds Marina requested a time extension and it has been approved. Still working on plans.
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 The Pre-submission meeting was held in summer of 2013. They resubmitted plans on July 19, 2018. The post-submission Community Meeting was on Aug 20, 2018 at Severna Park Library at 6:00 PM. Many attended in opposition. There are now 18 new homes, down from 28 in earlier plans. Still many questions concerning storm water management. They also submitted a request for and received a Modification for an extension to continue reworking their plans. As long as they continue changing their plans, the opposition should be watching the changes. We have reason to believe interested parties who have standing can still submit input until the final subdivision plans are approved by Planning and Zoning and expect the input to be considered. Following approval, it would require an appeal on the changes only.
- Shipleys Choice Dam Removal Project Update Bids received. Low bidder way over engineers estimate. County studies whether to award contract or reduce cost design. If awarded, construction of culvert to begin in September 2018. If delayed, will begin June 2019. West Benfield Road Closure to begin shortly before culvert construction. A Community Meeting will occur after the contract is awarded, but before construction begins. Community Meeting to be held Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Shipley's Choice Elementary School Cafeteria, 310 Governor Stone Pkwy.
- Legislation to watch. No County Council Meetings in August. The 9/4/18 County Council Meeting was over 6 and ½ hours.
- Resolution 30-18 Preborn children are human was defeated, 4 / 3.
- Bill 70-18. Miniature pigs in residential districts.
- Bill 77-18. Reduces restrictions on Conditional Use of premises for Medical Cannabis.
- Bill 78-18. Deals with bike and pedestrian paths in subdivisions and developments.
- Bill 84-18. Grandfathering variance and conditional use of premises for Medical Cannabis.
- Bill 87-18 Impact fees based on the 4 High School Feeder Districts as established by the Board of Education. (Terry is not sure why county council is getting involved in this. 12 feeder systems and why group them, since they do not control anything within the feeder system).
- Bill 88-18 Increases distances from lot lines of horses and Manure.

- Bill 89-18 Redefining solar generating systems, grandfathering applications filed before Jan 1, 2018.
- Bill 91-18 Exempts AA Community College from certain construction fees.

Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- 15 years ago there was a board meeting that projected communities will be decreasing. 15 years later Oak Hill is way over capacity and Benfield is twice as big. The science of their projections always fails.
- Lead testing in the schools is a result [House Bill 270](#). The regulations did not come out until 2018 so testing began in March. To date, they have completed 25% of the testing.
 - ❖ The regulations are a bit cumbersome. They can only test when school is in session but before students arrive. Pipes have to be flushed and sit for a certain number of hours, and some buildings are not closed until 9pm. After the pipes are flushed late at night, a lab team comes in and tests every outlet around 4am before students arrive. The Board made the decision to test every outlet, consumable or not, with very few exceptions. Consumable outlets are at 1%. Every outlet that tested high had fixtures replaced and has been turned off until it can be retested. Only 4 schools can be done per week.
 - ❖ Elevated levels are considered 20 parts per billion. If it is a non-consumable outlet, then the fixture has been replaced and signs placed on it. All schools must be done by next July. AACPS should hopefully be complete by sometime in Spring. There was a sink in dark room at Glen Burnie high school that tested sky-high but has not been in use for decades.
 - ❖ Water bottles are okay to bring to school now. If a child is told they are not allowed to have one, contact the principal. If the policy is not clarified, contact Julie Hummer, Board President. AACPS previously had a policy of no water bottles, but the rule has changed. There are, however, so many schools, teachers, and staff that sometimes messages get mixed up.
 - ❖ The risks are far greater at home. This is also about raising awareness, especially in buildings older than 1986. Working as quickly as possible and being as transparent as possible.
- Recess Policy and Punishments:
 - ❖ Elementary schools have a minimum of 20 minutes recess time which should not be taken away as a punishment. Unfortunately, it has been used as a punishment for decades, and some teachers are not aware of the new policy. If this happens, go to the principal and ask if they could clarify the policy with teachers. It is helpful to send a link to the specific guideline.
 - ❖ Some have encountered instances where entire recess has not been taken away, but 5 or 10 minutes shaved off. Is that allowed? Do not believe so, but unsure about specific guideline. If this happens, get the PTA involved and meet with the principal. Always start at local level and then go further from that.
 - ❖ Elementary has a new curriculum encouraging more movement, such as stopping in the middle of a lesson to dance. This allows for different brain stimulation along with PE and recess.

- ❖ There are incentives to promote positive behavior instead of punishments for poor behavior. Teachers have an amazing arsenal of different things to try for different kids. People at school can be used as resources for alternatives. PDIS is a program for positive interventions that should be accessible to everyone. How to reinforce positive instead of focusing on negative. Tickets to trade in for prizes or attend assembly, etc. Every teacher is different, as is every child.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- Attended police commanders meeting tonight for CAC. All HS and MS will have SRO except central MS, which came up 2 officers short. Feel it is on the same campus as Southern. Bates also but Annapolis police dept will take care of SRO there.
- New training academy on schedule to open next summer. Double officers in training. 2 classes a year, 7 months long. Academy located in Davidsonville and limit class to 25, which usually has only 18 by end of 7 months. They have 1k applicants working on. Classes will be 50 per class once new academy is open still in Davidsonville.
- Present county administration has increased pay thanks to county council. They are now 3rd highest paid in state.
- Gangs: if notice graffiti, report it to 911 or non-emergency number. 410.222.8610. Identifies gang, and many more around than MS13.
- Overdoses at 776 for the year and this time last year was 763. Fatalities are 134 this year and last year was 97. Drugs using are more fatal.
- Next meeting of PCRC is Wed Sept 19 7:30 at eastern district HQ. Speaker will be talking about credit fraud and scams.

Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

Severna Park Voice article on changes near high school was very well done and explained a lot of changes.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

Report sent to delegation separately and can be found on GSPC website.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

[Severn River Association](#) (SRA)

[Magothy River Association](#) (MRA)

There was a major sewage spill in Chartridge that never got reported within 24 hours after spill. MRA has been testing wetlands. This has been very wet year. The incident occurred on July 22. Ball fields were under water. Sewage was coming out of manhole covers in fields in rec area. Video on webpage shows that it was coming out. Took awhile to track because county did not report. MRA was not aware until 2 weeks later. Did not think anything of it because it has been so wet. Got an email from Chartridge resident relaying information about sewage spill and called county. Finally figured out. It was a respell got blocked in pipes and blocked sewage. Had to pump lines out to Benfield Road. 12k gallons of raw sewage on ball fields and county did not even send report to citizens to stay away from it. One party thought the other was reporting it. Chris Phipps said reporting will be better.

Three weeks later on Aug 22 there were abnormal readings. Over 104 county closes beach. Wetlands have measured a little higher. Background of stuff so not clear. Looking for

plants instead of human things. Cattail creek runs through most of Severna Park around Oak Hill to high school. County's main sewer lines run up Cattail Creek. Those pipes are leaky. Aug 22 readings were at 20k and 30k. Did not know about Chartridge because not reported. That got county's attention. Did not think there was a break in the pipe. Paul thinks stormwater infiltration into pipeline causes backup. Infrastructure and pipes are getting older.

Is the water safe in the upper areas? Is St. Martin's in the Field Cattail Creek safe for dogs and kids? The overdevelopment has caused our areas to become open sewers. Tool to measure whether swimming is ok. Working with county and AACC. We have aging system in sewer lines. Mill creek has that pipes that are failing. What level should these streams have above tidal structure that would make it safe? Way over the top. Has a lot to do with amount of rain. Rain getting into system either sewer or stormwater system. They are independent. Development makes it increase.

ASPIRE Report (Sandy Spadaro, President)

- On Sunday at Community Center there will be non-profit hotline to share resources to find out what everyone is about. Was going to be at Lake Waterford but SPCC. Trying to get Holy Grounds but not sure where yet. Participants include Elementary school PTAs, Aspire, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, and there will be food. Corrected flyer will be sent out.
- Museum with Betty Wells. Board meeting on Oct 3 and then will have more info.

New Business

- Woodberry Farms HOA Betsy Hein announced the community is concerned with certain aspect of truck traffic. As a member community, they have decided to ask for GSPC's support.

Discussion: Koch took back wooded entrance and built houses so have lost noise barrier. State road in County area so need to work with both. Engine breaking definition in letter. (downshifting). Woodberry asking for support. Erin O'Neill will also call Hilary Gonzalez.

Mary Vogelsang of Light Street Avenue made a motion to support an investigation as to practice and whether anything can be done by approaching state and local authorities. Seconded by Lisa Bender. Motion adopted unanimously.

- Katie Mauer from Kensington, likely the incoming president for HOA announced that member community Kensington is suffering from Airbnb problems. Had to call police 4 times on July 4th. Lots of marijuana smoking and police ignored. Charged \$40/ head to get in. Ongoing issue because renter has family in Severna park and they go stay there and make \$300 for a night. By-laws maybe one answer but wants to look at it broadly as well. Not banning because helpful for naval commission week. Not a kegger for a night. Looking at minimum rental times. Listing is advertising water rights because community has water access. Also worried about use and drowning during parties. Ben Oaks adjusting by-laws and decided on a month. Need consulting by an attorney. Most people okay with places being rent out for week (commissioning week) or summer. But choosing to rent for a party puts a huge burden on community with safety issue. Laws are being enacted in a lot of places to specifically address this.

Lisa Bender of Carrollton Manor made a motion to undertake study and bring recommendations. Seconded by Amy Leahy of Olde Severna Park. Motion adopted unanimously.

Old Business

None.

Adjourned at 9:21pm.

Next Meetings

GSPC General Delegation Meeting on October 9, 2018 at Severna Park Library, 7:30pm

GSPC Board of Directors Meeting on September 25, 2018 at Severna Park Library, 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.