



# Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

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*\*Delegation meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month\**

President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:39 p.m., a quorum being present.

## Guests

Pam Jeteer, new Delegate for Olde Severna Park  
Scouts from Troop 339

## Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Tabled until January.

## Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

Checking account: \$5,238.23

Money market: \$2,051.80

## President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

Unpaid for 2019: Linstead, Severn Heights, Solomons Ridge, Swann Point, Whitehurst

Unpaid for 2 or more years: Bellevue Estates, Bluff Point, Cattail Passage, Kilmarnock, Manhattan Beach, North Severna Park, Severndale, Whitney's Landing

## Guest Speakers

Philip LaCombe, Jacob Engineering, Consultants on the Regional Transit Administration  
Nora Corosanti and Roan Bennett of Maryland Transit Administration

A Regional Plan has been requested by the General Assembly: They are tasked to layout the vision for public transportation in our region. It needs to be submitted to the General Assembly by next fall. There is a commission from each jurisdiction and counties. They are identifying corridors in the region (major roads/streets) where there would be transit opportunities in the future, looking ahead 25 years. This plan is scheduled to be revised every 5 years.

*Does the plan include how it will be paid for? (Craig Myers, Cypress Improvement)*

Mr. LaCombe: This does not set anything firm. It is a draft list of 30 different corridors. There are early, midterm, and later opportunities. It is very high level and generally most things in the plan would need other funding sources. Almost the entire budget will go toward what we already have.

*How many of those corridors are in AA County? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)*

Mr. LaCombe: Many cross county lines such as the Light rail corridors, Rt 2 from Glen Burnie to Annapolis, Rt 3 from Crofton to Glen Burnie, and Rt 3 north from Glen Burnie to city, airport to Laurel, and US50.

*How do you do a feasibility study? Survey of mass transit? (Erin O'Neill, GSPC Director)*

Mr. LaCombe: It involves lots of different things such as users of transportation in the corridor, origin and transfer destinations, traffic conditions, where real centers of activity are, what space on the roadway there is to use, what is existing and how it could be improved

*What are you hearing as far as need? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Mr. LaCombe: There is a lot of interest along the Rt 2 corridor and getting between Annapolis and Baltimore. It's a challenge to reach everyone who could use transit service in the county.

*How about smaller transit? Smaller ride on buses and handicapped vans? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Mr. LaCombe: We are looking at what transit providers are doing across the country. Population in US is aging and people want to stay where they live. MDOT MTA is going to do a pilot project of micro-transit to serve BWI hotel district between light rail and airport. Micro-transit is more like Lyft or Uber where you can request a ride. A lot of cities are experimenting with that where buses cannot fit down streets. In places such as Arundel Mills, Crofton, Severn, Woodcrest, we need to enhance what is already there: hours of service longer, increasing frequency of service and more weekend service, or more commuter bus service.

*Are you doing anything to change people's perception of mass transit? (Bill Lippincott, GSPC Director)*

Mr. Bennett: Reliability and safety are some of the challenges. We try to explain what are we doing in terms of real-time information and how long wait will be. Reliability will improve ridership. We want to be safe to ride into the city for a game, so working with police for more monitoring. It eats up a lot of resources for what is dealt with in the city, making sure there is a presence and that the public is aware they are doing these things so there is confidence in the system. You will probably see more real-time information and communication via an app. Right

now we are at about 70% efficiency, used to be 50%, and keep moving up. Reliability, being on time, and safety are the focus.

*What about express buses? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Mr. Bennett: That is more in the northern region, but for this region there are commuter buses that go to the city. Express buses people would want different stops and then it was no longer an express bus with all those stops. If promising express service, we want to make sure it is an express service.

*Shouldn't the hotels be responsible for airport transportation? (linda Curry, Severna Forest)*

Mr. Bennett: It comes down to job centers. A lot of people take transit to get to work there. Having that service from the lightrail will help them get to work. It's a job center. There is also a huge sector of disabled folks and blind industry who work there. BWI partnership has some funding to help as well. The BWI hotel district is not just about hotels, but many of the amazon packages are at warehouses around the airport are working around the clock. MTA tries to be nimble and have added to Sparrows Point. People are adding new warehouses and there is a new greenhouse coming to Sparrows Point, and we want to be able to serve those people.

*We are very concerned with traffic congestion. Is there anything in the plan to alleviate Rt 50? Severna Park lies between I97 and Rt 2. Any plans for Rt 2 other than rapid transit system? Maybe more park and rides? Or ferries from Baltimore to Annapolis on the Severn River? (Doug Nichols, GSPC Director)*

Mr. LaCombe: This plan is not that specific, but more about identifying the needs. Rt 2, 3, and 50 are in the study and looking at 25 and 50 years down the road. One option might be putting buses on the shoulders.

*With changes from GDP, can we assume development will impact the study? What are you doing at the state level to work with the county, specifically AA county so that the revisions coming to the county plan are compatible with your work? (John Norville, GSPC Director)*

Mr. LaCombe: We work with Mr. Robinson who is transportation director for county. We focus on transit readiness and how each jurisdiction is ready for changes in the future. Ultimately they want to provide services that people will use. We are not using computer models for this, but if there was a feasibility study, then would do something like that to all surrounding roads.

Gold Star Memorial and Heroes Monument (Tom Lindsay)

Please help our community honor our fallen heroes. The gazebo is for the gold star families. As part of the heroes monument, there will be 4 plaques for each of the individual boys. They all went to Severna Park High.

Heroesofsevernapark.com

Freedom isn't free. These 4 are local guys. How can you help? If you can't do anything, go to heroesofsevernapark.com and put on facebook and instagram and don't forget about these 4 kids. Go back to your communities and create awareness to help fund the project. Checks can go to American Legion Post 175 and mark for Heroes of Severna Park.

Goal is Veterans Day for groundbreaking. Memorial Day is the next goal to have it built and complete. Need about \$60k. Companies have given paving and cement. In kind services, construction services. The actual gazebo is all metal and should last for a long time. Purposely overdesigned this to last.

Chamber of Commerce

None.

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

Marsh Landing is at the Board of Appeals. Paul is not here because he went to a hearing for that today.

Badro property hearing will be Feb 13.

Short-term rental bills coming up to address airbnb properties. Amending county use and tax provisions, adding a definition of short term rentals

- Bill 87-19: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses – Multiple Dwellings and Rooming Houses
- Bill 88-19: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Use or Occupancy Tax – Transient Lodging – Short-term Rentals
- Bill 89-19: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Zoning – Short-term Residential Rentals

There is a Stop work order at the “tower” house on Earleigh Heights Road. They may or may not have to take it down. They surveyor said it was not in the easement. Called DPW and asked county to do a survey from a different survey and said it was not in the easement. When doing surveys from different points, then it could have varying results. They are trying to decide which survey is accurate. The house may be erected but the inside is still very bare.

County Government Report (Reece Peak)

New budget town hall will be Jan 29 (Wed) from 6:30-8 at SPHS. Encouraging communities to come up with ideas as to what they want to see.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- Several local schools received 5 star school ratings.
- Michele Corkadell is the new school board president.

Police Community Relations (Doug Nicols)

6:30 December 18 meeting provides awards to deserving officers and those who support county police dept. 204 Pasadena Rd, Pasadena, MD.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender)

SRA not going to meet until January. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

Thank you to Erin for setting up tonight's speakers.

There are painted lines on Evergreen road and chokers.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (Richard Newton)

Last month the Superintendent of schools was here but has not heard from him since. Richard has someone contacting Dactronics who did the scoreboard. The biggest problem is the music which is unnecessarily loud. A very simple solution would be to turn the music down.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

FAA will do pilot tests. Trying to make it quieter. There was an article in Capital about roundtable's efforts trying to reduce the noise. They are shifting the traffic to somebody else's neighborhood. They are going to take the traffic that goes up the peninsula and direct more traffic to Severna Park. There are a few wins around the country with cases that are siding with communities.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

Leadership Award dinner will be Wednesday, March 25 for leaders in our community. This will be sent out as well.

Nominating Committee (John Norville)

Chair John Norville thanked Committee members Jack Mason and Amy Leahy for serving on the Committee again this year. At this Delegates Meeting, Chm. Norville advised the Delegates that the Committee had met and the following is the slate that is unanimously proposed, per the GSPC By-Laws. All are Incumbents.

**President:** \*Maureen Carr-York

**Vice-President:** \*Brad Myers

**V. P. Public Affairs** \*Amy Leahy

**Secretary:** \*Holly Slack

**Treasurer:** \*Steve Poland

**Director:** \*John Norville [*Nominated by Board of Directors*]

**Director:** \*Bill Lippincott

**Director:** \*Erin O'Neill

**Director:                    \*Doug Nichols**  
**\*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 as a candidate? He thanked the Incumbents for their service.

**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. **2020** meeting.

Steve Poland, Treasurer: This is an unopposed slate so he will send out ballot to delegates with a simple yes or no. Votes will be tabulated and Jan 8 will be the final day to respond electronically. One vote per community.

Unfinished Business  
None.

New Business  
None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Next Meeting Dates  
General: 1/14/20 Severna Park Library at 7:30pm  
Board of Directors: 1/28/20 Severna Park Library at 7:15pm