



Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

August 13, 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 7:35 p.m., a quorum being present.

Speaker Schedule announced:

- September: TBA
- October: Superintendent of Schools
- November: MTA

Guest

Brian Kilwell, Cypress Creek

Secretary's Report

Deferred to next month.

Treasurer's Report

- Checking Account = \$5,538.23
- Money Market = \$1,839.65
- 5 CDs = \$25k

President's Report

If you know of a community that has not paid their dues yet, please encourage them to do so.

Committee Reports

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy)

- Planning and Zoning Officer Replaced: Phil Hager has been replaced after listening and working with us for nearly 2 years. He will continue to serve as a consultant to the new County Executive, Steuart Pittman. Phil and his staff presented instructions for use of their present policies on how best to provide input through the different levels of the

required approvals to develop land on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. On July 23, Phil discussed changes in Modifications over the last 7 years. We are very thankful for his leadership and support over the last two years and wish him well in his new position. Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman and newly-hired Steven Kaii-Ziegler addressed Severna Park residents during a special town hall meeting on August 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Severna Park High School. Mr. Kaii-Ziegler, who has led planning efforts in four Maryland counties, began as planning director on July 31, 2019. Mr. Kaii-Ziegler is a longtime resident of Anne Arundel County.

- Clarification of apparent County Policy: Apparently, a development site that goes through an Administrative Hearing does not require a Community Meeting. GSPC missed the Administrative Hearing, thinking we could stop the project at the Community Meeting. No Community Meeting was announced, and therefore was not attended. The project, 132 Overlea Drive, is now under construction along the Earleigh Heights Connector. It's completion will be one more obvious reminder of construction the county will approve if residents don't take advantage of the protections built into the County Code. Community Meetings: At least 2 of the 3 Community Meetings listed in Item 1 above concern modifications.
- Noting the paragraph above, we would assume these meetings will be the only opportunity for residents to address any concerns they may have with these projects. If you live near there, pass the word. None of the 3 were on the website for 21 days. That is why one date has already passed. One more step in the lack of transparency direction for the new administration.
- A new Subdivision Sketch Plan was submitted for 262 B&A Blvd at Dennis Rd on a single lot.
- A Modification for High Banks on the Severn was approved.
- Fishpaws Site Development plan was approved.
- Board of Appeals Hearing: Aug 28, 3:30 to 7:30, appealing the rescinding of the Marsh Landing plan is to be withdrawn. As it turns out, the new Administration decided to approve the plan and withdraw the decision from the Board of Appeals.
- Sept 11, 3:30 to 7:30, BA 15-19R (2018-0165-R) Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company.
- Bill 54-19, Work Force Housing was introduced and passed in less than 30 days. R-22 Regulations in R-5 Zones. No input, comments, amendments, considered.
- Council members and the County Executive made it clear they will not listen to us. Remember, there are procedures in place where they have to hear us, whether they want to listen or not.
- Bill 55-19: This establishes laws to prevent discrimination in housing.
- Bill 57-19: This sets up a new commission similar to the Board of Appeals to enforce the Code provisions relating to discrimination in housing, protecting renters from landlords

and landlords from renters. Like the Board of Appeals, the only qualification to be on the commission is that you are appointed to serve.

- These two bills were requested by the County Executive and 4 of the 7 Councilmembers. You might want to get familiar with them. Unlike Bill 54-19, these were held over to allow some input and thought before passing them.
- Bill 59-19, Notice of Approval of Sketch or Final Plan: Requiring developer to notify interested parties within 10 days after approval of a Sketch Plan or Final Plan. Probably a result of the lack of notice for Marsh Landing which never got on the website, and therefore, the Watch List. The bill requires notification of any lot owner within 300 feet, the president or representative of any Community or Homeowners Association that is located within 300 feet of the property and has a current email address on the County Executives list.
- To get on the List of Community Associations, persons, and Organizations maintained in the Office of the County Executive, here is the contact information. Tell them you want info for Council District 5: James "Reece" Peak III; Office of the County Executive Office of Community Engagement and Constituent Services CECS Officer, Districts 3&5 (410) 222-1123 (office); 443-685-5316 (cell); expeak22@aacounty.org
- County Exec Committees and commissions are being shut down due to lack of appointments. Commission on Disability issues has been shut down.
- Reece: Fee in lieu raised from \$.40 to \$2.40 per foot.
- Magothy Land Trust looking to get land in land trust. Not many 100 acre parcels here--nothing more than 5 acres around here.
- Bill 59-19 introduced by our councilwoman Amanda Fiedler describing new notice requirements. Makes developer responsible for notice, not the county.
- Bill 62-19 Ordinance zoning--private clubs. Hearing date Sept 3.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- CAC Severna Park reps have been appointed and contacted by Voice. Look for an article to come out in next month's paper.
- Teachers start next week.
- Schools open Sept 3 for gr 1-9, Sept 4 gr 1-12, and Sept 10 official first day for all
- Holly will be stepping in as GSPC Education Chair while her oldest daughter starts Kindergarten this year. Thank you to Brad Myers, whose youngest son graduated from SPHS last year, for his service as Chair for many years.
- Track is not open for people to use at SPHS. That decision is within Principal Bathras' discretion, although probably with input from the athletic director.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- National Night Out was very successful with almost 2k in attendance.

- 3rd Wed in Sept 7:30 PCRC mtgs. Will let Maureen know when the next meeting is.
- Ralph Suppa: There is a new Federal training team for 1st responders teaching how to respond to active shooters.

Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro and Lisa Bender)

- No [SRA](#) meeting this month. They are filming education meetings. Pdfs and films are available on the website.
- [MRA](#): Marsh Landing appeal. Very thankful so many people called.
- Why do traffic concerns always get pushed down?
- Our nemesis is spot zoning. The change in zoning at Earleigh Heights will be a domino effect down here.
- Mitisba Lane often gets overlooked and does not get notifications.
- Everyone claims the residential zoning was a mistake.
- When we support something, you might not get what you support. 84 lumber was supposed to be a dinner theater.
- We are going to have rezoning. We want to change the direction of how we do rezoning.
- Reminder: anyone can speak at BOA hearings..
- New fish trap: trying to improve fish in magothy by partnering with morgan state. Putting boxes around the river to see what kind of fish there are. Getting cotton reed reefballs and putting out into river. Hoping to add more structure to Magothy and attract more rockfish. The reef will be the Mike Busch Memorial Reef.
- Lake Waterford needs love. Starting to monitor lake and take samples. Going to restock the lake. It has been highly fished out and has very poor water quality. Water temp at top is 87 degrees and not very deep. The deepest part is 8-10 ft. Bottom is 60 degrees. Tells you it is spring fed. Putting together a video of lake waterford. Opened in 1966, but prior to that, the owner of the park raised goldfish.

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

Started a spreadsheet to list concerns. Following up on Evergreen construction. The County offices are doing simulations of certain traffic patterns to test them out.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote)

No report.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

No report.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

Contacted by “Friends of the Trail” in redoing area behind Big Bean. Asking for donations and have raised \$3600. Anticipating cost at \$12-14k. Owner of that strip mall has asked county to take down the trees between the building because they drop stuff on the roof. Contact Adam Smith from Parks and Rec with concerns.

Unfinished Business

5G issue brought up by Peggy Williams, Cape Arthur.

Maureen: Let’s try and get more familiar with the issue so we can come back in September.

There could be an opportunity to have someone speak before that meeting.

New Business

- Motion to support the appeal of Marsh Landing to oppose the project made by Cindi Mitchell and seconded by Ralph Suppa. **Unanimously adopted.**
- Motion to leave trees on the B&A trail near Big Bean building made by Mary Vogelsang and seconded by Lisa Bender. **Unanimously adopted.** GSPC Director Amy Leahy will draft a letter.

Next Meeting Dates

Delegation: September 10, 2019, 7:30pm at SP Library

Board of Directors: August 27, 2019, 7:30pm at SP Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.