



# Greater Severna Park Council

## Delegation Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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 7:33 p.m., a quorum being present.

### Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Lisa Bender made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Amy Leahy. Motion adopted.

### Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

2 checks cleared for the Aspire Dinner and GAN dues.

### President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

- The following communities have not paid for the past 2 years:
  - Bluff Point
  - Kilmarnock
  - Manhattan Beach
  - Bellevue Estates
  - Cattail Passage
- The following communities have not yet paid this year:
  - Brittingham
  - Tam Glade
  - Linstead
  - Round Bay
  - Severn Heights
  - West Severna Park
  - East Earleigh Heights
  - Robinson Retreat

### County Executive Report (Reese Peak, Constituent Services Officer)

- Vision 2040 Session will take place at Broadneck High School on June 6 and Severna Park High School on June 10.
- The County Executive is hard at work on the budget.
- Mr. Peak send information about Real ID deadlines and how to file information.

## Guest Speakers from Legislature

### Senator Ed Reilly

- Budget: \$47 billion tax revenue flowed in for one year and there was a 4% growth over fiscal 2019. \$1.1 billion was put into a rainy day fund, and \$7 billion went to support state schools.
- Kirwan Commission: \$500 million was put aside in this years budget, but 3 years from now will be crunch time. There is no programmed money at the state level yet. The legislature, not the Governor, is considering an increase in sales tax as well as taxing the 54 services provided in Maryland that do not get currently taxed such as hairdressers and accountants. Another side effect of the Commission will put AA County will under pressure to help fund additional money to schools. It will be an increasing obligation over the next 10 years.
- School calendar year: The Governor's executive order to start after Labor Day and end by June 15 was removed by the legislature and is now a County Board of Education decision.
- \$15 Minimum Wage: The Governor's veto was overridden.
- Tanning beds: People must be 18 or over to use the service.
- Smoking age has been increased 21 and over now.
- End of Life Option Act: This was very controversial and not partisan. Senator Reilly expects it to be back next year. His personal view is that it is already accepted and does not need to be a constitutional issue.

### Delegate Michael Malone

- Gerrymandering is a big issue, especially in this area. The "cracking and packing" procedure makes it hard to be an effective and lessens voices from a minority party. Six Congressional districts have been labeled unconstitutional. When the next census is done, it will affect all districts that must now be drawn in a fashion not based on voting patterns It should follow geographic boundaries, not drawn according to political patterns. The Governor's bill is bipartisan.
- AA county will receive another District Court judge based on number of cases coming in. They were previously getting substitute judges from other counties.

### Delegate Heather Bagnall

- There was a suicide tragedy at SPSHS so young women have organized to address the needs of students dealing with mental health and depression with a student bill of rights. The requirement for parental consent is confusing and broad. This might be brought up in the next legislature session.
- She drafted a bill requiring consent for medical exams for patients under anesthesia. The Senate version was passed and will be used in other states.
- The Physical therapy licensure compact is mostly for military professionals to streamline the process when working across states.
- The Clean Energy Jobs Act had overwhelming support.
- The Kirwan Commission is the new blueprint that will have students globally competitive.

#### Delegate Sid Saab:

- The Clean Energy Jobs Act could increase utility bills. He opposed the act and hopes it does not pass. Having a good bill title does not necessarily mean it is a good thing.
- They looked at the legalities of school crisis response and are going back to middle schools where things really happen. He crafted a Bill with Jen Corbin, Director of Anne Arundel County's Response Crisis Team and last month's GSPC Guest Speaker.
- They passed a budget that did not raise taxes. 83% of the budget is mandated so there is not a lot of wiggle room for cuts if needed.
- Retirees are leaving due to high state taxes.
- Minimum wage increase break small businesses.

#### Q&A

- Brad Myers: Was any 4% increase related to tax changes?
  - Senator Reilly: When the federal government passed the tax code change, the benefits did not flow down to the state level. Filing State standard deductions cannot be itemized. They are anticipating \$365 million to come in. Our property values went up so taxes went up.
- John Norville: What can be done about Attorney General? Can the General Assembly defund?
  - Senator Reilly: When President Obama was in office, Republican states continually sued his legislation as well. 66% of MD is Democrat. Some of the lawsuits are in our jurisdiction.
- Paul Spadaro: Is right-away on B&A trail big enough to put in a railway addition?
  - Senator Reilly: Any road with number is state road. The B&A trail is the second most frequently used park in AA County. Route 2 and 3 are under study, but they are hesitant to allow expansion. If you build it they will come. Secretary Rahn is looking into what can be done to speed up traffic. Montgomery County will allow traffic on the shoulders at peak traffic hours. If this is done properly, it might be an idea for 97, 32, etc. Nothing has been decided and they will watch how Montgomery County does.

#### Committee Reports

##### Planning/Zoning/Legislation Committee (Amy Leahy)

- Marsh Landing's approval was rescinded, so now the builder is appealing. The hearing will be in August.
- The fire station wants to rezone from R1 to C3, claiming the zoning was a mistake. The fire station will be appealing to Board of Appeals. June Creek, a resident near the fire dept, expressed that her community appreciates the county position. We do not want any spot zoning.
- The proposed Rt 10 and Ritchie Highway 7-11 with gas pumps on the east side next to current gas station was approved. GSPC opposed this but it was still approved by the

administrative hearing officer. It had been rezoned years ago for a local business to do an expansion but they went under.

#### Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- The survey that went out about the calendar was misleading. If you said you didn't want to add days, then you could not fill out the rest of the survey. People did not understand that adding days meant a longer spring break, etc. They are hoping the survey results will be made public.
- Recess concerns are bringing up lunch concerns as well, especially for students who buy lunch and barely have time to eat before the break is over.
- What is the policy on email blasts? Is it at the principals discretion? People do not want emails about how the boiler broke at 5am and its fixed, but then videos of fights are being passed around school. Parents rely on these messages and it needs to be consistent across the board.
- Could the global citizenship course be offered in middle school? There are already so few electives in 9th grade and the foundation could be better achieved at the middle school level.

#### Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The Police Community Relations Committee announced that the next meeting of the Eastern District's Police Community Relations Council would next meet on 15 May 2019 at 7:30PM in the main conference room of the Eastern District's Headquarters Building off of West Pasadena Road. The speaker was an officer from Traffic Support to speak about their work on accident analysis reports, forensics, and court witnessing.
- The PC Committee announced that Police Chief Altomare was sworn in on May 13<sup>th</sup> to continue in office under Steuart Pittman, the County Executive.
- The new Police Academy in Davidsonville should be fully functional and operating come September 2019.
- The next National Night Out celebration of our Anne Arundel County Police will be held on 6 August 2019, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. More on this as it gets closer.
- The County Police are starting a new class of its Citizens Police Academy starting in September 2019.

#### Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

##### Severn River Association (SRA)

- A flyer was sent out for the Hellas dinner at 6:30 and meeting with Steuart Pittman at 7:30. They will address nominations, appointments, and 2 bylaw changes.

##### Magothy River Association (MRA)

- They are working on a habitat quarter project and 2 mile restoration project.
- They water is really fresh from all the rain, which means not a lot of crabs and more catfish.
- A rockfish survey will be conducted this summer.
- They are putting reef balls in the river this year.
- They plan to fund a girl scout troop painting mural at Beachwood Park.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)  
See report sent with agenda.

Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

A pedestrian was hit at the B&A and Evergreen intersection. The county is now doing a study of traffic patterns and will report back in June.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Mary Vogelsang made a motion to support the Peninsula Coalition principles, seconded by Paul Spadaro. **Motion unanimously adopted.**

Adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next Meetings

GSPC General Meeting: June 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Severna Park Library

GSPC Board Meeting: May 28, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Severna Park Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.