



Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

October 8, 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 7:43 p.m., a quorum being present.

Guests:

Rick Newton, Erin Garth

Adam Bennett, Erin Garth (lives directly behind scoreboard)

Guest Speaker

Roan Bennett, Director of Officer and Community Relations

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His office gets all complaint calls and holds community meetings. They want people to understand operating issues: Collective bargaining workforce, FMLA issues, people who do not show up to work, especially around the holidays. The issue is not local, but across the country. Community meeting subjects vary from self-driving cars, buses, how things are being built, what does the mechanic of tomorrow look like, providing a workforce development perspective, and putting in a sustainable infrastructure for the future.

Q & A

Who is responsible for emptying trash cans at the bus stops? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)

Is there a shelter? If there is a shelter, it is MTA. Call the customer service line at 410.767.3999: to tell them about bus stop trash.

What does the department do with its own police force? Do they have arresting powers? (John Norville, GSPC Director)

Our police force has arresting powers and is facility-based. There are between 500-700 officers set up by districts.

How often are the police on a bus? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)

There should be a visible presence on the lightrail system. If there is a tip, then they make sure there are more police present. Every time something happens on a bus, usually on an hourly basis, they get the call.

Is there a schedule for the transit plan? How do you reconcile the overlapping with the County's GDP? (Doug Nichols, GSPC Director)

It is a mandated plan in the proposal phase and there is a coordinated effort with the county. There is a project in the city to improve Northern ave and they have models of what changes there will be. They will take feedback and get iterations of the plan before it is final, scheduled for 2021.

Who does the grand planning? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)

The people coming on Oct 29 to AACC for a presentation featuring the planners, engineers, and worked on the plan. There will be a mixed expertise in the room.

Does MDOT have any role in 5g infrastructure? (JPeggy Mitchell, ?)

There is a trillion dollar industry that will come about as a result of self-driving cars. Companies will have to figure out the infrastructure piece. They are coordinating through the agency with testing. Who owns this whole piece? Is it MVA or State Highway? They are trying to figure out who certifies the vehicle is safe for the road. Planners tend to lock themselves into ideas and need to hear different perspectives and things they have not thought of. There are also concerns about equity. What if self-driving cars can not traverse these roads, etc.

What is the county doing with the state to come up with a solution to the mess on 50 and the Bay bridge? (Bill Lippincott, GSPC Director)

The comptroller talked about suspending construction until winter.

Committee Reports

County Councilwoman, [Amanda Fiedler](#)

- There was a public meeting yesterday with the forest conservation bill but they did not vote on it. 85 testified to vote and they only had 5 minutes left until midnight. There was so much overflow that the fire marshall could not allow everyone into the room. Although people could wait in the hall, there was no other way to accommodate the overflow. The council voted to hold the bill until Oct 21st. The County Exec office has

signaled they want to work with council to pass the bill. There was testimony was on both sides and they are closely watching the economic impacts of this bill.

- The Kirwan commission will be releasing \$3.8 billion dollars to implement the various recommendations. They council is reviewing the fiscal impact of every bill.
- There was a 15 mile backup 2 Fridays ago from the Bay Bridge to Annapolis. It took 1.5 hours from Annapolis to Arnold which is usually 20 minutes max. They plan to challenge Google and Waze on how they navigate others to local roads.
- 5g legislation will be heard on Tuesday, Oct 21 at 9am.

County Government Report (Reece Peak)

- Mr. Peak has worked with GSPC Directors Doug Nichols and Amy Leahy in getting community associations' updated information. The county had a list of 835 but found that only about 200-300 were accurate and verified. They are creating a new document online so all information can be sent to them. Mr. Peak will email Maureen the document and please fill it out. That way everyone gets every notification.

- *When the County Executive was here, he said that he intended to address the problem created by R5. and that they would introduce that in October. Where is it? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Mr. Peak will talk to Pete Barron and give us an update soon.

- *Why are there communities that have been dropped off? Thought P&Z also had a list. (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)*
- *Why are homes within 300 feet not being notified? This information is in land records. Some developers are not even trying. P&Z needs to enforce more. New P&Z should address that. (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Secretary's Report (Holly)

Tabled.

Treasurer's Report (Steve)

Account balances (as of 09/30/2019)

BB&T checking = \$ 5,538.23

SmithBarney money market = \$ 2,010.27

President's Report (Maureen)

Somehow lost a community in mailings. Please let us know if there is anyone else not getting emails.

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche) gspace.com 410.647.3900

- Shoptober fest was a great success
- Monday, Oct 21: golf tournament. Registration starts at 10am and game starts at noon.
- November 20th Taste and Sip moving to Chartwell Country Club this year.
- Dec 6 Christmas Tree Lighting

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy)

- The Final Plan Approval of MARSH LANDING will be heard before the Board of Appeals on December 4 from 3:30 to 7:30, and on December 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 at room 160 of the Arundel Center. A [Marsh Landing Call to Action](#) youtube video has been posted.
- Legislation: Bill 59-19, Notice of Approval of Sketch or Final Plan passed,7-0.
- Bill 68-19 is forest conservation.
- Bill 74-16 is Adequate Public Facilities: space in schools, water sewer capacity. Last council passed a bill that if a school was at 95% capacity, it would be closed to development. That legislation is sunseting. Not sure the Board of Ed understands how packed to capacity Oak Hill is.
- Bills 75-19 and 76-19 both deal with Zoning and Small Cell Energy Systems.
- Bill 77-19 deals with Zoning and conditional use of vehicle sales and storage.
- Unmerging of 2 lots near Magothy Beach Rd near North Dr and South Dr. Approved by hearing officer.
- Earleigh Heights Fire Dept had editorial in The Voice saying how they were denied. Not exactly the truth. They changed from C3 to C1 and the Board of Appeals said the Volunteer Fire Company needs to go back to P&Z and reapply for the C1 Zoning.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- Schools are off tomorrow and 2 days next week for conferences.
- There is a new app that just rolled out today for parents to keep apprised of their kids progress.
- Oak Hill elementary school is bursting at the seams. It was an open space school and when closed in, HVAC can't handle, etc. Not sure the Board of Ed understands how max capacity it is and why isn't it on a list for renovations? Why hasn't development stopped in the area? Single family homes should not be getting approved. Ms. Fiedler gets the list of schools at max capacity and will review with the appropriate person.
- Superintendent coming next month and need to fill the room with Oak Hill parents.
- Ask superintendent to bring Alex Szachnovicz.

Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The AA County Police have announced the completion of their new Police Academy in Davidsonville, MD. It is sized to allow two classes of about 50 students each to trained in staggered classes overlapping each other.
- The Eastern District Police Community Relations Council has selected Mary Vogelsang as its Secretary going forward. Mary is a delegate to the GSPC.
- The next PCRC meeting is October 16th and the one after this is November 20th. PCRC meetings are held in the AACPD, Eastern District Headquarters' Large Conference Room, Pasadena Road, Pasadena, MD. Meetings start at 7:30PM. Speakers will be announced in advance when advised by the PCRC.

Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro/Lisa Bender)

- There is a restoration project at Cattail Creek involving a sewer that runs up to Oak Hill and Earleigh Heights. This county has a history of bad pipes and is still using terra cotta pipes in some sections and the water deteriorates concrete pipes. They are relining the pipes. The bigger the tree areas, the cleaner the water.
- Lake Waterford has been closed since July 1 due to a toxic algae pump. We cannot have a park that is closed. MRA will pay for the samples and see what is in the core samples of sediment. That could be what is collecting the toxic algae. It is a pollution source and should be treated as such.
- Susan Nolte: Most of north is on septic and most of south on sewer.
- They have put together a new youtube video called [Busy Beavers of Severna Park](#).

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

- Evergreen Rd is done.
- Barrier for crossover on Ritchie Hwy is up.
- People are dangerously parking on the southbound side of Truckhouse Road while cars and buses need to line up at northbound side. Buses have to weave around the cars which leaves no lanes open. Could there be a "no street parking between the hours of..." sign for the southbound side?

SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote/Richard Newton)

- Evergreen update: Nestor Flores made presentations to communities proposing 2 types of crossing lights. Both are more aggressive and impactful than what is there now.
- There will be a temporary trial of Severna Forest gapping and traffic. The whole process is being held up 6-9 months for sign and chokers and barriers.
- BGE has already cracked open the new pavement on Evergreen Rd.
- The Village of Severna Park had an incident with a rabid fox that bit a dog, which now has to be quarantined for 1 month at home. We do not abut a creek behind the Ebersberger building.

- Noise and lights from SPHS stadium: Rick Newton was told by the high school planning and construction group that lighting and noise would not be a concern. Principal has given complaints to the Athletic Director. The sound has been measured at 80 decibels and above for more than 15 minutes. 2 hours could cause continual damage. Neighborhood kids cannot study. The noise is not only on Fridays nights but 3-4 nights a week and there is something going on all day. The noise is actually easier to take when on the field versus being in the next door neighborhood. Could the county put in some kind of sound barriers to protect the neighborhood?

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

No report.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

ASPIRE is helping Betty Wells with the Severna Park museum fundraising. The fundraiser is on Oct 30 from 4-10pm at Brian Boru. Let them know you are with the Severna Park Museum.

Nominating Committee (John Norville)

John thanked Maureen for reappointing him as Chair of the 2019 Nominating Committee. He then announced the reappointment of Jack Mason & Amy Leahy to the Nominating Committee to prepare the Slate of Candidates for the Election for the 2020 Officers & Directors. He then issued the 1st of 3 Calls for Candidates. Most of the Incumbents have agreed to be Candidates for re-election, & he thanked them for their Service. He asked that anyone interested in being a Candidate for Officer or Director for a one-year term in 2020 contact himself, Amy, or Maureen. They should be able to attend most of the monthly Board Meetings held 4th Tuesdays at the Library at 7:15, most of the monthly Delegates Meetings, & be willing to serve or Chair a Committee as needed. There were no immediate volunteers, & he stated that such Calls for Candidates would be repeated in Nov. & Dec., & that the Annual Elections would be held in December.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

Next Meetings

General: November 12, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Severna Park Library

Board of Directors: October 22, 2019 at 7:15pm in the Severna Park Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.