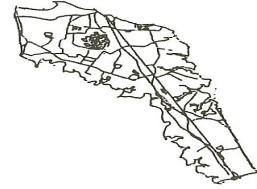




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GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL
Meeting
Severna Park Library
May 8, 2012
Minutes



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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Jerry Pesterfield. Mr. Pesterfield welcomed new attendees Dave Boyce, Delegate Twin Harbor, and Marcia Feliciano, Delegate Glen Oban.

Adoption of Secretary's Report: Mr. Pesterfield motioned for approval of the April 10, 2012 Minutes distributed to the full membership by email. No comments or corrections were received. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record.

Adoption of Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland, Treasurer, submitted the following Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2012, presented by President Pesterfield in Mr. Poland's absence. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record for audit purposes.

Account balances (as of 4/30/2012)

BB&T checking	= \$ 6,799.15
SmithBarney money market	= \$ 829.22
SmithBarney CDs (5)	= \$25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund

(closed 10/20/11)

Account activity in April 2012

BB&T

Dues deposited	= \$ 140.00
Checks cleared	= \$ 0.00

SmithBarney

Money Market	= \$ 0.00
Interest	= \$ 15.12
CDs	
--matured (9mo/0.2%)	= \$ 10,000.00
--bought (12mo/0.4%)	= \$ (5,000.00)
--bought (18mo/0.55%)	= \$ (5,000.00)

BankAnnapolis (Beautification Trust Fund)

(closed 10/20/11)

GUEST SPEAKERS – County Roads and Transportation Functional Master Plan Study (TFMP): Mr. Pesterfield noted that this subject is a long awaited topic and report and introduced Ms. Carr York, a member of the CAC and community delegate, who will give a brief overview and introduce the TFMP transportation planners who will present the study objectives and goals.

- **Maureen Carr York, Member, Roads Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC):** Ms. York noted that the TFMP study is done every 10-years, and she has been a member of the Roads CAC since last fall.

. Basically the CAC is looking at the main arterial roads that will be failing in the next 15-20 years, including Ritchie Highway, Benfield Blvd., Rt. 3 in Crofton, Rt. 50 and the roads around Ft. Meade.

. The Committee is charged with staying abreast of study findings and advising the County Executive regarding next steps.

. Written citizen feedback and comments is highly encouraged and can be submitted at the CAC meetings on forms provided at the meetings.

- **George Cardwell, Planning Administrator, Carl Balsler and Martha Arzu-McIntosh, Transportation Planners, AA County Office of Planning and Zoning:** The following overview of the study plans and objectives was presented:

1. Transportation Functional Master Plan Overview and Objectives:

. The study is funded through a Federal grant and Anne Arundel County, and is being conducted by a team of consultants under contract to the County Office of Planning and Zoning who are responsible for the scope of the study and recommendations, and a Project Management Team of Local and State Agencies responsible for overseeing technical aspects of the study.

- The 18+/- month study will be completed late spring to early summer.
- Traffic projections are being developed for the year 2035.
- The Transportation Functional Master Plan (TFMP) responds to the 2009 General Development Plan which observes that travel demand in the County is growing, but the County's ability to add road capacity is limited.
- The final product of the study will be an amendment to the County's General Development Plan with a series of recommendations for near term and long term improvements in each of the corridors studied.
- Feasibility of rail, bus, bicycling and walking in the County's nine most traveled regional corridors is being explored including:

1. US 50: Prince George's County Line to William Preston Lane Memorial (Chesapeake Bay) Bridge
2. MD 2: Central Avenue (MD 214) to West Street (MD 450)
3. MD 2: US 50 to I-695
4. I-97: US 50 to I-695
5. MD 32: I-97 to Howard County Line
6. MD 100: MD 649 to Howard County Line
7. MD 295: Prince George's County Line to I-695
8. MD 3: Prince George's County Line to MD 32
9. Magothy Bridge Rd to Hog Neck Rd (MD 607) to Ft. Smallwood Rd (MD 173) to the Baltimore City Line
10. Widening the Severn River Bridge on Rt. 50

Plus four important connector roads:

1. MD 170
2. MD 176
3. MD 713
4. Benfield Rd

- The study may also recommend land use changes in order to support alternative travel modes.

- Suggested changes include:

- . Rt. 50: widen lanes from 6 to 8
- . Rt. 2 South: widen lanes from 4 to 6 and bus service, bike, and walking enhancements
- . Rt. 3: widen to 6 lanes
- . Benfield Blvd.: Improve access, land use, and traffic calming
- . East-West Blvd.: Will be recognized to help relieve traffic on Benfield Blvd.
- . Operation of premium bus service from New Carrollton to Ft. Meade
- . Car sharing, pedestrian and bicycling enhancements
- . Incorporating alternatives and incentives for telecommuting including tax breaks to encourage work at home and telecommuting to promote quality of life enhancements

2. Milestones to Date:

. "3 Listening Sessions" were conducted early in the study to learn (1) where citizens experience traffic congestion and hazards; (2) obstacles to alternative travel modes; and (3) how they suggest the County and State should respond.

- Existing condition data has been collected including daily counts, transit routes and ridership, right of way constraints, etc.
- Preliminary transportation improvement options have been identified for each of the corridors for testing purposes.

- **TFMP Project Website** is available with full information on the TFMP study plan objectives and goals, important meeting dates, CAC Meeting Minutes, and the designated highway corridors under study can be found at: <http://www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/TransPlan/index.cfm>.
Telephone number: 410-222-7440

- **Next CAC meeting** will be held on June 19th at 6:00 pm at the Severna Park Middle School and delegates are highly encouraged to attend to provide written citizen feedback and comments on forms provided at the meeting. Wrap up has to be done by the end of June.

Public Works Committee – Dan Nataf, Director Emeritus: Encouraged members to discuss what might be a technical fix for improving local roads, and highly encouraged residents to go to the CAC meeting and website to read the reports. It was also noted that transportation issues are always an important part of the Anne Arundel County Community College Survey for the Study of Local Issues.

Education Committee – Brad Myers, Director: Provided the following information:

- **Upcoming meetings for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education Budget** – Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget:

- . Wednesday, May 9 – 7pm – County Council – Public Hearing at the Arundel Center in Annapolis
- . Monday, May 14 – 7 pm – County Council – Public Hearing at Old Mill High School

Members were highly encouraged to try to get a large group from Severna Park to attend to show support for the Severna Park High School funding and noted that the high school project is currently funded in the budget. Next year will be the start of the major funding for construction.

- **Grading system changes** was discussed at the County-wide CAC meeting.

- **Severna Park Middle School Principal** Sharon Morell is retiring at the end of the school year after 15 years of service. She has done an outstanding job. Her replacement will probably be announced in June.

Environment Committee Report: Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards. The report was distributed to the full membership by Mr. Pesterfield via email and is filed for the official record. Ann Jackson provided the following information:

- **North Cypress Branch Restoration Construction:** Scheduled to start June 15, 2012. Estimated construction time is one year.

- **Severn River Dredging:** \$1.6 million for dredging on the Severn River will be discussed at County Council meeting May 9th. Members are encouraged to attend in support of funding.

Police-Community Relations Report: Buck Brown/Julie Krause – Co-Chairs. Julie Krause advised members that Buck Brown has resigned because he will be moving.

- **Car break in** - Brad Myers advised members that recently a break in occurred in his neighborhood. A neighbor left his garage door open and someone broke into a car parked inside the garage. He encouraged members to advise their communities not to leave their garage doors open and unattended if they are not outside since it is an invitation for a break in, and to call police if they see anyone in their neighborhood that looks suspicious.

- **Ride-a-long** – May 19th 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anne Arundel Police Headquarters

- **Shred-A-Rama V** - The Anne Arundel County Police-Community Relations Council, with the assistance of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, will sponsor a FREE, countywide paper shredding event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2011.

The event will be held at the following four locations:

1. Brooklyn Park Middle School – 200 Hammonds Lane
2. Cancun Cantina – 7501 Old Telegraph Road
3. South River High School – 200 Central Avenue East
4. Anne Arundel County Police Headquarters – 8495 Veterans Highway

Any resident of Anne Arundel County may bring up to four handheld boxes of personal documents for shredding in a commercial shredder. This is an ideal opportunity for residents to safely dispose of old tax and medical records, financial documents and other personal items to help prevent identity theft. Please remember to remove documents from binders and remove any metal clips.

X-rays, film and CDs will not be shredded. **Any information or inquiries CONTACT: Community Relations Unit (410) 222-0045**

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: Anne Myers, Secretary, GSPCC, provided the following information:

- 4th of July parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th
 - Small Business Showcase will be held June 2nd at Westfield Annapolis Mall and provides an opportunity for members to market their businesses
 - Shop Local is a new and exciting initiative of the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce to encourage local people to support local businesses and strengthen our community. There will be quarterly drawings where residents can register at the participating businesses for great prizes. The first drawing will be May 14th and the prize is \$500 in cash and \$500 gift cards at the participating SHOP Local businesses.
- Go to <http://www.severnaparkchamber.com/> for details.

GSPC Zoning/Legislation Agenda and Actions: President Pesterfield advised members that Al Johnston, Vice President for Public Affairs, has been working with Roy Higgs, GSPC Director, and Susan O'Brien, newly appointed GSPC member, to assist him with the zoning and legislative responsibilities. Mr. Higgs will be responsible for zoning and Ms. O'Brien will work the legislative issues.

The GSPC Zoning/Legislation Agenda for 5-8-2012 was distributed by President Pesterfield to members via email.

1. Ms. O'Brien provided the following Legislation updates:

- **HB 446 Bay Restoration+**. Current residential \$30 per year to \$60 per year. **Signed by the Governor 5-2-12 will be effective October 1st.**
- **HB 987 Stormwater Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund, Exemption-** if local program established by 7-1-13. Annual amount left to local government. **Signed by Governor 5-2-12 – Don Ladd, Chris Trumbauer and Ron Bowen discussed and estimated a fee just under \$1 billion and will have to determine how to be collected by July 2013.** Mr. Ladd advised members that that they will need to work it all out on how to access fee. Wastewater very slow to get started, first will start to get pipes in ground. Encouraged members to attend the May 14th Council Meeting at Old Mill High School.
- **Bill 15-12 Zoning-Open Space**, Amended 4-16-12, Effective date 9-1-12, Special Exception: Bleachers over 250; Outdoor lighting; Illuminated scoreboards; Public address systems; Amplified sound systems; Final Hearing 5-7-12, Severna Park impact, GSPC and GAN letters in Opposition to Bill prior to final amendments. **Council passed bill last night May 7th.**
- **Bill 27-12 Subdivision-Critical Area** Septic system within 100 feet of sewer line mandatory connection to sewer line. Hearing 5-7-12. **On Rt. 10 and Ritchie Hwy. Adopted last night 5-7-12.**

2. Al Johnston, Vice President for Public Affairs, advised members on the status of the following Administrative Hearing, Board of Appeals, Complaint:

- **BA 18-12A and 19-12A Key School** 6-19-12 6:30 pm, 2638 Carrollton Rd. Annapolis, Planning and Zoning Officer Conclusion: Key School project for the Annapolis Roads Golf Course is not permitted in the OS-Open Space district. **Anne Arundel County Motion to Dismiss is in front of Court of Appeals.**

Budget Overview: County Capital Budget: John Norville, Director GSPC, suggested that the audience read County Executive John Leopold's Budget Message of April 16, 2012 and also read the County Budget Summary of May 1. Both have links on the County Website: www.aacounty.ORG. Both have discussions of and included funding for the Severna Park High School. The complete budget package consists of four Volumes with individual pages for each project, including the SPHS page, and is also available as a link. Mr. Norville discussed items in the Capital Budget relevant to Severna Park including the SPHS Replacement and the requested and badly-needed new Eastern District Police Station. Administrative Department presentations to the County Council are underway.

Mr. Norville also noted that Brad Myers advised members of the County Council Public Hearings including the meeting to be held May 14th at 7:00 pm at Old Mill High School. John encouraged all to E-mail, write, and call the County Councilmen, thanking those who have stated support of leaving the SPHS in the Board of Education and in the County Executive Budgets, and encouraging others to support the entire SPHS Capital Budget, including completing the Design in FY2013, and the two-year Construction phases in FY2014 and FY 2015. He thanked Councilman Dick Ladd for his continuing support of the SPHS Capital Budget.

Old/Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business:

- *National Night Out – 2012* – President Pesterfield asked members if any communities were interested in the police-community partnership to let him know. This is an opportunity for our community to continue the promotion of our partnership with our local police, promote crime prevention, and just get together as a neighborhood for a good time.
- *DestiNation Imagination* – President Pesterfield noted that this is a program that teaches creative problem solving to kids. It is an approved supplement to the Anne Arundel County Public Schools curriculum, considered to be part of the Gifted and Talented program. Jones Elementary signed up for the program in January and is asking for donations from the greater Severna Park and Anne Arundel County communities to participate in the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN, on May23-26. Tax-deductible donations to help offset the \$9,000 cost of the competition and trip may be made by visiting www.wix.com/jsf11/ba-bams to make a donation via PayPal or make a check payable to Destination Imagination and send to Jones Elementary, 122 Hoyle Lane, Severna Park, MD, 21146. Contact Monica Resa at mdyeagley@yahoo.com for more information.

Next GSPC Meeting Dates:

- Board of Directors Meeting: **Wednesday, May 23, 2012 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library**
- General Meeting: **Tuesday, June 12, 2012 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Very respectfully submitted:



Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary – May 12, 2012