

Greater Severna Park Council  
Delegation Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019

President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:36pm

Guests and Newcomers

- Alvin White, Jones community.
- Patricia White, Jones community
- Donna Stark, Westridge President
- Melonie Wood, Fairwinds on the Severn
- Peggy and Steve Naglea, Shipley's Crossing

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to approve March minutes made by Lisa Bender and seconded by Linda Curry. Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- \$175 dues payment (5 communities)
- \$15 check cleared
- \$176 gained in interest
- All 5 CDs are funded
- \$1,156.04 in checking account
- Susan Nolte, Linda Curry, Amy Leahy, and Lynne Rockenbach volunteered to be on the 2019 Audit Committee.

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

- Membership: 57 communities in good standing. Welcome to new member, Kinder Ridge.
- 41 communities are paid for 2019. 16 are paid up from last year and still in good standing but need to have check in by June 1 to remain in good standing.

Guest Speaker: Jen Corbin, Director of Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System  
(410.768.5522)

They offer Telephone triage for behavioral health needs, Mobile crisis teams, Crisis intervention teams, Linkage to Psychiatric Treatment services, Crisis Stabilization, Community education

AA County Mental Health Agency, Inc: [www.aamentalhealth.org](http://www.aamentalhealth.org)

Network of Care: [www.networkofcare.org](http://www.networkofcare.org)

- The Anne Arundel county crisis response system is a resource to citizens of the county as well as health dept, fire dept, etc. when emergencies such as mental health, substance use, homelessness, uninsured, school call threats, and death notifications arise.

- They are mental health clinicians who run on police radio and are a non-profit group not under county leadership. This is the best model because it allows for more grant applications and awards as a non-profit.
- Most calls for service in this area are parent-child disputes and neighbor disputes since there is not a lot of crime in this area. Crisis team works the situation so police can go back on patrol.
- Biggest issue has been heroin epidemic and safe stations. Safe stations were implemented 2 years ago and trend is downward versus other counties where overdoses are trending higher. Goal is to have systems working so everyone can do what they need to do.
- Main focus is mental health and making sure everyone is safe, so they are working with school systems, identifying people early and treating people in need. Most calls from police depts are mental health calls. Lots of home visits and meeting with families.
- Drawbacks: Have to have consent from adults to come out. Can't go to someone's property that doesn't want them there.
- There are 50 people on the team. School calls have gone up 50% so they were able to add an extra team. Police are paired with a licensed clinician. They take high-risk calls such as active suicides, etc.
- Grown a lot over past 2 years due to things county has asked them to do.
- There is only one central location but they are all over. Location is undisclosed and headquarters is at Riva Road. Stay undisclosed because mental health people can get upset.
- There are homeless people in the big tent city. They have had success housing people but more are popping up. DSS does most of the work now but they still offer them resources.
- Many are certified in critical stress management. Car accidents can be very traumatic, especially if there is a fatality.
- Encourage everyone to have naran. Most overdoses happen in fast food bathrooms and gas stations. Anybody can get it and use it. They can be obtained from the health department that does trainings twice a month. Opioid epidemic is a pharmaceutical issue. Kids get wisdom teeth out and are then prescribed too many pain pills. It is happening to high school athletes and AP students.
- Weed content is now very high and could be laced with fentanyl. There have been 2 marijuana deaths due to lacing.
- Vaping: you still get a high and can still get addicted. It is not healthier, they just don't have research to prove it yet.
- Need to teach young children how to take medicine when prescribed, who gives it to them, etc.
- Pain medications need to be out of the house. It is shocking how many people have medicine cabinets and guests will rummage through it.

## Committee Reports

### Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

- Shop Local Festival Saturday May 4 11am-3pm Park Plaza
- Registration is open for 4th of July parade. Never too early to register. Looking for more participation from communities and neighborhoods. Get kids together and build a float.

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

- Community Meeting and Plan Application for Fisher Property: Application for Rezoning and plan, OS to R-1, 2 lot Subdivision. 12 days notice on Community meeting. Near traffic circle , Jumpers at East West.
- Rezoning Earleigh Heights VFD on April 3 at 6:00 PM at the Arundel Center. This will probably go to Board of Appeals.
- 132 Overlea Drive, the very small triangular lot was approved.
- Community Meeting stage after more money is spent by developer.
- The Gas Station at Route 10 and Ritchie Hwy was approved.
- Board of Appeals Hearing on Marsh Landing will be Thursday, May 23, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, room 160 at Arundel Center. This is the result of a plan that was supposedly approved in June of 2018, but was not made public until November 2018 and has still not been published on aacounty.org. The lack of the required notification prevented an appeal within 30 days of the approval. It has now been brought to the Board of Appeals as to whether the appeal to have a hearing will be allowed.

### Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- Val/sal vs. cum laude discussion again. Colleges are used to the cum laude system now and counselors fill out the ranking information on applications.
- The Global citizenship course will be required for all 9th graders.
- Redistricting is big in Crofton right now.
- Board will receive a report from CAC about Recess concerns and corresponding research.
- There will be 2 CAC SP cluster openings in June.

### Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- Next meeting is April 17 at 7:30. They are always the 3rd Wednesday of month except for July and August.
- Last meeting's speaker was Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler.
- Chief of Police's meeting: Police academy is rescheduled to open in June. Contractor issue. Talked about trends in area crime: ATM thefts. If you see something that looks strange, report it. ATMs hold upwards of \$200k per one. Keep cars locked, windows up, and leave nothing in sight.

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

### MRA (Paul Spadaro)

- Girl scouts are building a mural at Beachwood park depicting how the park was an amusement park. MRA will pay for the paint.
- High school students are volunteering to build reef balls adding to existing pod. Many reefs are named as memorials to head of oyster recovery partnership. This one will be named the Mike Busch Memorial Reef.
- April 19 Spring Cleanup for Yellow Perch Spawn
- May 4 Concert at Susan Nolte's house to benefit MRA.

#### SRA (Lisa Bender)

- Next Tuesday is SRA's Educational Meeting at 7pm on SAB Navy. They are the volunteers that go up and down river to measure seaweed because of the direct link between seaweed and health of river.
- Peninsula Coalition Report: What we do with any place in our lands is affecting the waters around us. Wee need to look at cumulative effects when approvals are allowed. Hoping to band together for all the peninsulas so maybe we can have a larger voice. President Maureen Carr York sent out principles and they are asking GSPC to sign on.

#### Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

Water tables and gas leak concerns.

#### SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote and Carole Boudman)

- Multiple gas leaks in Severna Gardens and other communities.
- Can anything be done about the abandoned houses near Rite Aid?

#### Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- FAA responded to the RT letter asking for clarification on the suggested FAA departure change. The Chair responded saying the RT was in favor of the change when the RT actually voted not to use that language. The proposed change is not something that will happen soon and may not happen at all. It has not changed its stance on arrivals. It suggested that if we want to pursue that option, the RT will need to hire aviation advisers and submit any plans to FAA for their approval.
- The Howard County Council introduced Resolution 36-2019 on March 18th. It expressed their continuing support for CB8-2017, the Roundtable, and ongoing civil actions being pursued by the Office of Law of Howard County. While 5 members of the RT were present only 3 testified.

#### ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

- Linda Curry was honored by GSPC at the ASPIRE awards on March 24.
- Working on the Severna Park museum with Betty Wells.

#### Unfinished Business

None.

#### New Business

The County Executive is hosting a workshop on Saturday about “smart growth”.

Adjourned at 9:30.

**Next Meetings**

Delegation: May 14, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library

Board of Directors: April 23, 2019, 7:30pm at Severna Park Library