



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

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August 8, 2017



Vice-President Brad Myers called the Greater Severna Park Council Board Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Welcome

Sumner Handy, visitor
Diane Neighoff, Severna Park Chamber of Commerce
Jacob, Chris, and Zach from Boy Scout Troup 983
Councilman Peroutka

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Brad spoke about Beachfront meeting, which focused on community concerns such as dues people are paying, how they are managing associations, security issues (especially those with beaches). GSPC is hoping to do more of those meetings in the future. Motion to accept minutes made by Art Timmons and seconded by Cindy Mitchell. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Brad Myers)

- Dues deposited = \$210.00
- Checks pending = \$200 (National Night Out)
- BB&T Checking = \$4,710.36
- Money Market = \$7,269.15

President's Report (Membership) (Brad Myers)

- 5 new payments: Chartwood, Tam Glade, Glen Oban, West Severna Park, Cattail Passage
- Regular unpaid members: Erin Garth, Belleview Estates, North Severna Park, Sullivan's Retreat, Twin Harbors

Chamber of Commerce (Diane Neighoff)

- Friday, September 15 from 5:30 to 9:30 is the 60th Anniversary Crab Feast at the Elk's Lodge.
- Monday, October 2 is the "Driving Force" for Business Golf Tournament at Chartwell County Club

Planning/Zoning/Legislative Committee (Art Timmons)

- County Executive Steve Schuh has appointed Phil Hager as Planning and Zoning Officer. He will begin work on July 31, 2017. We look forward to meeting and working with him.
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 at Board of Appeals: At the July 20th hearing, the applicant's attorney requested a postponement of the hearing to allow the three sides to meet face to face and reach an agreement to avoid the Board of Appeals having to make a decision. The other two attorneys agreed and the board reluctantly agreed. As a result, the hearings set for August 9 and 10 were canceled as well. The August 17 Hearing remains scheduled in order to learn if a settlement has been reached. That meeting, if it takes place will be 1 year and 1 day after the first hearing on August 16, 2016. Verify that there will be a hearing on August 17, 2017 before going.
- Brightview Drive Administrative Hearing: This is a new project that will be heard by the Administrative Hearing Officer on August 22, 2017. It concerns 3 parcels totaling 4.4 acres zoned R-2 at 619, 651, and 661 Brightview Drive about 1700 feet east of Veterans Hwy. They have one house on each parcel along the south side of the road. They are requesting a change in zoning from R-2 to R-10 and intend to remove the three homes and replace them with 36 townhomes. We suspect there may be some opposition to that. Councilman Peroutka asked who the developer is.
- The YWCA of Annapolis at AACC: There is a 3-hearing appeal to the Board of Appeals in August of a modification approved for this project in Arnold. The Arnold Preservation Council is covering this issue.
- Cattail Commons: There are two items. We are expecting a settlement concerning the abandonment of the plans for the Cattail Commons Project. The Watch List for August shows a Board of Appeals Hearing scheduled for February 7, 2018. We will be investigating why that is scheduled.
- Legislation to watch: Resolution 31-17 to urge the FAA to return the flightpaths at BWI to the Pre-NextGen paths.
- Bill 67-17, the return of an Agritourism Bill.
- Amy: area around Rugby Hall sold. Buyers told people they were going to preserve open space. Horse stables. Eviction notices and now subdivision planned. Right now subdivision says 5 houses but game plan is for 25 houses. Area of Old County Road and Rugby Hall. Arnold Preservation Council keeping an eye on. Zoning doesn't accommodate having that many houses. Councilman Peroutka asked who the developer is. Owners paid off easement taxes in March so they can develop it now.

Education Committee (Brad Myers)

- School not in session until after Labor Day. School start times a little later.
- 24 people applied for Board of Ed position. The Nominating commission has conducted interviews, and are looking to make their selection in August.
- Tax Free week is August 13-19, 2017
- Oak Hill is getting close to capacity and Jones Elementary is always close.

Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- There is no meeting scheduled for the PCRC in August 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 September 2017 starting at 7:30PM in the Main Conference Room of the AACPD, Eastern District Headquarters Building, Pasadena Road.
- This month, the National Night Out" celebration took place at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Department site and was very successful in bringing the area residents together with our local county police officers and firemen to engage in conversations and see demonstrations. The free food and drink was amply provided by local community business sponsors. A big “thanks” to the volunteers who staffed this event and a number were from the GSPC communities.
- Please remember to lock your cars and homes when not in use, and to secure your valuables from being visible to passersby.

Cattail Caucus (TBA)

No report.

Public Works (Erin O’Neill)

- Earleigh Heights light: Erin contacted Kimberly Tran who said the signal techs have reviewed timing. The time is being cut short by pedestrians hitting button or emergency vehicles. She didn’t answer question about light pole yet but Erin will pursue.
- Severn River Bridge still on schedule. We are looking to have someone come in October. They are adding a lane by squeezing everything.

ASPIRE Report (Deferred)

SPHS Demo Committee (George Foote)

- The property has changed dramatically. The sidewalk on Robinson road was done today and shrunken into the ground. They have stripped off a lot of topsoil and trucks are continuing to move earth from property.
- Communicating with Steve Shuster has been very frustrating. They have been starting construction at 5:45 instead of 7am as agreed upon. Erin Garth, Severna Gardens, Severna Forest, Evergreen Estates are all disturbed.
- Repopulating the trees—the list of 5 options are subpar for area. Ginko has a terrible odor; other tree species are “ok” from civil engineer, but he is not an arborist. The Linden trees that have been put in are either damaged or already dead.
- The only success is that one of two ancient trees is still standing.
- April 2018 will bring the opening of the bus lane. They are making sure they do not pass through community.
- They have spent 2 years of improper communications with the school board, which has been very frustrating with no results. So, we have a large new building and they have disrespected the communities. AACPS answers to no one—Amy brought up that this is why elected school boards will hopefully change this. George met with elected officials and they all say there is nothing that can be done. Councilman Peroutka said there is no

mechanism for oversight with school board and this is what happens when there is no accountability.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

The Airport Noise Committee of the Greater Severna Park Council 6-21-2017

We held our second coalition meeting on Wednesday, June 21st at 7 P.M. at the Glen Burnie Library. Forty-two communities have attended our meetings.

- AA Co Council Testimony 7-17-2017 Mary and Evan Reese, and I testified at the council meeting. They had a resolution ready to go to the FAA. As a result of Mary and Evan's testimony they are going to remove lines 33-36 on pg 1 and lines 2-4 on page 2. They will amend it and vote again on September 5. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- The council looked into legal action and making Congress accountable for the FAA's actions. They said their charter does not allow them to use legal action unless the county itself is impacted. Mary is working with Councilman Chris Trumbauer to add to the resolution and to explore ways the county has been impacted so they can move towards legal action.
- Roundtable meeting 7-18-2017 Jesse and I presented information about the FAA bill which was followed by a discussion by the RT and objections from Paul Shank from the MAA. The RT voted to have Lance write the letter to our legislators on behalf of the rest of the RT using the draft from the Montgomery Quiet Skies Coalition letter. Lance sent the letter that week.
- Capital Gazette article 7-20-2017 Very good article. Explains AA county council's silence.
- <http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/government/ph-ac-cn-nextgen-resolution-0721-20170719-story.html>
- Governors Letter to Sec. of Transp. 8-1-2017 In a letter to U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, Hogan said he's been frustrated by the FAA's lack of response to a letter he sent May 11 expressing worries about loud aircraft noise from plane routes that have changed under the new system, commonly referred to as NextGen.
- Performance Based Navigation meetings starting in August 2017 The FAA PBN group will start meeting this month to find solutions for the problems at BWI, National, and Dulles. Some of those are nationals or widening flight paths, and retraining controllers to instruct pilots to fly at higher altitudes. The PBN group schedule was changed to accommodate us sooner.
- Coalition Meeting 8-6-2017 Met with:
Kevin Terrell Co-Founders of the MSPFairSkies Coalition in Minneapolis,
Ellen Barlow Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC).
Shared information about our different areas. Made plans to continue conversation and make plans with other coalitions across the country.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender)

- South River Association (SRA) does not have a meeting this month. Next SRA meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of September.

- SRA is doing SAV study on aquatic vegetation and looking for people to count SAV around Round Bay Area. They need data collectors around Linstead and Round Bay. They have kits and training available. This helps to monitor the health of the Bay.
- Watershed Stewards Academy is starting in September. This is a year-long course that meets once a week for 5 months and then start projects.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by GSPC Vice-President Brad Myers.

Next Meeting Dates

- General Membership Meeting: 09/12/2017 Severna Park Library 7:30pm. Speaker: Newly appointed Planning and Zoning Officer Phil Hager
- Board of Directors: 08/22/2017 Severna Park Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.