



**GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2013**



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The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Maureen Carr-York. Other Board members present included Brad Myers, John Norville, Steve Poland and Dan Nataf.

**Introduction:** Ms. Carr-York indicated the Secretary had moved and asked if someone would take the minutes. Julie Krause agreed to take notes for the meeting. Charlie Nolte (Fair Oaks) suggested a request for a volunteer to be Secretary go out to all the communities. Ken Danckaert (Westridge) suggested a high school civic student might take the position.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Ms. Carr-York asked if everyone had received the minutes from January, February and March. Motions were made to approve the minutes for January and February. The draft March minutes will be updated to include corrections submitted by John Norville and Dick Ladd.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Poland said an additional \$385 was received for dues from 11 communities that submitted 2013 payments. Expenses included \$29.95 domain registration, \$100 Aspire nominee and spouse dinners and \$2 service fee.

Account Balances as of March 31, 2013:

BB&T checking account	\$ 7,921.68
Smith Barney money market account	\$ 833.29
Smith Barney CDs (5) @ \$5,000 each	\$ 25,000.00

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**Membership Update:** Ms. Carr indicated 42 communities paid \$35 for 2013 dues. List of the communities is at the end of the minutes. Contact by e-mail and telephone is being made to the communities that have not paid dues prior to 2012.

**Guest Speaker** – Steve Thompson, Battalion Chief, Executive Officer Emergency Management [fdthomps@aacounty.org](mailto:fdthomps@aacounty.org) Mr. Thompson has worked for the county for 35 years (31 years as a paramedic and 4 years in emergency management). He spoke on emergency preparedness.

- Community preparedness is what you can do and what can your community do before, during and after an emergency
- Every house should prepare preparedness kit in large plastic bin
  - Prepare for a minimum of three days
  - One gallon of water per person per day plus water for pets
  - Battery powered (with extra batteries) or hand cranked radio
  - Battery powered (with extra batteries) or hand cranked flashlight

- Canned or other forms of nonperishable food
- Medicines
- Rotate provisions and medicines every six months
- Know what radio stations you want to listen to – suggestions are NAV 1430 radio and TV stations 2, 11 and 13
- Evacuate or shelter in place decision – case by case – If you hear roar it almost too late – head to basement
- Need escape plan that everyone in family knows and practices – once chaos starts it is hard to regroup; AAC Emergency Center practices 1-3 times a year
- Citizen Corps Council of Anne Arundel and Annapolis - CERT course available to learn what to do as community responder. It is a free class available to individuals or communities. <http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/citizenCorps.cfm#.UWcxOaKG0d8>

Question – What are the lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy? – After action report hasn't been issued by FEMA. It will be reviewed to determine what actions need to be taken. Only 63 people plus pets went to AAC evacuation centers for Sandy. Most people go to stay with relatives, friends or go to hotels.

- It is hard to prepare for earthquakes and tornados because there may be little or no warning. There generally is several days advance warning for hurricanes.
- Current Preparedness Plan dates to 2010. It will be reviewed in October, 2013. The plan goes to governor for approval.
- Two high schools are shelters but only one has a generator. Annapolis HS is prepared. NE is getting ready to install transfer switch.
- Approximately 17% if gas stations have generators. A list of the service stations which could operate during a power outage is being prepared.
- Emergency Management Office provides coordination not services. It is a liaison with many other organizations including National Guard, Maryland State Police, AAC Police, AAC Fire Department, AAC Social Services, AAC Parks, MEMA and FEMA. The office doesn't control the responders.
- The county can declare a county state of emergency. It can be a limited state as in Sandy.
- CodeRED – Dan Nataf indicated in recent study 35% know about CodeRed which is a reverse 911. It is a geographical based application that calls, texts or sends e-mails. Citizens need to register cell phones. Land phone numbers should be registered because Verizon provides land line phone numbers to the county. <http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/CodeRED.cfm#.UWTpOaKG0d8>
- Hazardous Materials Mitigation Plan – Other than pools that store chlorine, there are few places in Severna Park included in the plan because there is no manufacturing in the area. <http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/LEPC.cfm#.UWcBkqKG0d8>
- AA County website is [www.aacounty.org/OEM/index.cfm#.UWTiEKKG0d8](http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/index.cfm#.UWTiEKKG0d8) [www.aacounty.org/OEM/Preparedness%20Guide%202013v2.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/Preparedness%20Guide%202013v2.pdf) – Roadmap to Personal Preparedness lists emergency numbers and items to include in emergency preparedness kit
- [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) is FEMA website with suggestions to make a plan and building a preparedness kit

Mr. Thompson forwarded links to these additional websites:

- FEMA- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- U.S. Fire Administration- [www.usfa.dhs.gov](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Citizens Corps- [www.citizenscorps.gov](http://www.citizenscorps.gov)
- U.S. Dept. of Energy- [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)
- National Weather Service- [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission- [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)
- American Red Cross- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- Institute for Business & Home Safety- [www.disastersafety.org](http://www.disastersafety.org)

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**County Executive Constituent Services** – Ms. Amy Leahy [exleah00@aacounty.org](mailto:exleah00@aacounty.org)  
410-222-1242 was introduced as the Community and Constituent Services Specialist for Severna Park and other areas. She is a link to county executive. She can assist in determining what department to contract to resolve constituent problems.

**Education Committee** – Brad Myers, Director: Mr. Myers said the budget is with the County Executive. AAC School Board included funding for SPHS. Communities and individuals need to call, e-mail and write the County Executive and County Council members to keep funding for SPHS in the budget. If SPHS is funded there will be a two year build project. The target will be to open the new school in 2016. The budget will go to the County Council in May. The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is continuing to look at later starting times for high schools.

**Environmental Committee Report:** Ms. Ann Jackson was not available for the meeting. Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20 at the Severna Park Middle School from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) Report** – Julie Krause: Captain Francis Tewey is the new Commander Eastern District. He replaced Captain Waltemeyer who was promoted to position at headquarters. Shredding will be available for those within Eastern District on May 18th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Police Headquarters in Millersville. Donations will be requested to offset the cost paid by Eastern District's PCRC. The March PCRC's program was on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. There are 19 officers. Every high school and some middle schools are assigned a SRO. Students know officers and will convey concerns by text or leave notes. The information sometimes helps to prevent or solve crimes. The AAC SRO program has won awards. It is used as model in other counties and states. The odds are worse for SRO than SWAT officers because SROs respond immediately. They don't wait for backup.

GSPC has not joined Eastern District Police Community Relations Council (PCRC). Dues for an association are \$10. The GSPC Board agreed that GSPC should be a member of Eastern District's PCRC and authorized payment of dues.

The police are participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run that raises funds for Special Olympics. They will be selling t-shirts for \$10 and \$15 (better quality athletic wicking material). If anyone is interesting in obtaining a t-shirt, see Ms. Krause.

**Public Works Committee** - Dan Nataf, Director Emeritus: Dr. Nataf reported speed bumps were added on Riggs Ave. On Evergreen Road school flashers have been placed on the pedestrian side of the street. Curb cutouts were refurbished at Old County Road and Evergreen. John Norville indicated there was a detour on Governor Stone Parkway because water pipes were being replaced. It was mentioned that old lane stripes were ground off at McKenzie Road and Route 2. The area has not been repaved.

**Other Business:**

**ASPIRE Report**: President Carr York deferred report due to the time.

**Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce**: No representative was present. President Carr York will request a written report. The County Executive will speak at the Chamber's annual meeting in May.

**Planning, Zoning, and Legislative Committee**: Roy Higgs was absent. President Carr York mentioned three zoning changes that could impact local communities (see list at end of minutes). GSPC will only intervene if a member community raises a concern.

**Councilman Dick Ladd**

- Councilman Ladd provided copies of the proposed Stormwater Management bill. There have been many amendments to reduce or delay fees. The next public hearing on the bill is set for April 15th.
- The 2013 Update to the Water and Sewer Master Plan is under review.
- A group has contacted the county requesting land be provided for indoor tennis courts. A number of private facilities with indoor tennis courts are changing the use of the space to other activities. The county is considering two parcels of land it has in Crofton and one site in Millersville. The county would not fund the construction or operations of the courts. The only consideration is if the land will be provided.
- Safety at cross streets on the bike trails continues to be a concern. Cameras may be installed to monitor a few locations. Speed bumps or traffic islands may be considered.
- The County Executive will make a State of the County address on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Excellence Committee will be announced by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

John Norville indicated the AAC website has both the stormwater management plan and the Parks and Rec plan.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** There are two open board positions: Secretary and Director. Please consider volunteering for the positions.

**New Business:** An Al Johnson Memorial Scholarship at AACC has been proposed for a student to continue studies. Two or three requirements are being considered. These include the student be in the Law and Jurisprudence program, taken two political studies classes and possibly submitted an essay why Al's life inspires them. The scholarship will be administered by the college. At least \$25,000 must be raised. The Board has recommended that GSPC contribute \$5,000 to the scholarship. Al contributed countless hours to GSPC. A significant amount was saved in legal fees due to Al's tireless work for the community. There was not a quorum so a vote on the contribution was deferred to another date.

**Next GSPC Meeting Dates:**

General Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library  
Speaker: To be determined

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 – 7:30 pm – Ms. Carr York's Home

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Julie Krause– April 9, 2013

GSPC Membership – April 9, 2013

Black (42) have paid 2013 dues  
Red (12) in Good Standing until deadline for 2013 dues

**Paid 2013 Dues**

Arnold Preservation Council	Kensington
Belleview Estates	Kilmarnock
Ben Oaks	Lake Waterford
Bendale	Linstead
Berrywood	Lower Magothy
Berrywood South	North Cape Arthur
Bluff Point	Oakleigh Forest
Brittingham	Olde Severna Park
Cape Arthur	Pointfield West
Carrollton Manor	Severna Enclave
Cattail Passage	Severna Forest
Chartridge	Severndale
Chartwell	Shipley's Choice
Colchester	Community
County Crusaders	Shipley's Choice
Crain West	Homeowners
Cypress Landing	Swann Point
Fair Oaks	Westridge
Fairwinds	West Severna Park
Glen Oban	Whitehurst
Harlequin	Woodberry Farms
Hollywood	Woodbridge Forest

**Have NOT Paid 2013 Dues**

Chartwood  
Cypress Improvement  
Lakeland II  
Magothy Forest  
Manhattan Beach  
North Severna Park  
Point Field Landing  
Round Bay  
Shipley's Retreat  
Homeowners  
Tam Glade  
Twin Harbors  
Whitney's Landing

**Former member Communities**

Arundel Plaza, Berrywood Ridge, East Earleigh Heights, Evergreen\*, Jennings Road\*, Jones CA, McKinsey Park, McKinsey Woods. Severn Heights, Sheffield Park\*, Williams Woods\*

\*Did Not Pay 2012 dues (4)

Upcoming Administrative Hearings for Severna Park zoning requests:

STEPHEN & ANDREA STROHECKER - 2013-0040-V (AD 3, CD 5) April 9<sup>th</sup> - variance to allow a dwelling addition (bathroom) with less setbacks than required on property located 105' along the southeast side of Cedar Point Road, 350' southwest of Boone Trail, Severna Park.

Property Address: 9 Cedar Point Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

PHYLLIS GILBERT - 2013-0043-V (AD 3, CD 5) April 16, 2013 9:30 a.m. - Council Chambers - Arundel Center - Variance to allow a dwelling addition (deck) with less setbacks than required on property located 61' along the southwest side of Topeg Drive, 140' south of Berrywood Drive, Severna Park.

Property Address: 155 Topeg Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

MARY BURACK & DOROTHY KATZ, ET. AL. - 2013-0056-V (AD 3, CD 5) April 30, 2013 10:30 a.m. - Council Chambers - Arundel Center - Variance to allow an extension of time before abandonment of a special exception on property located 150' along the east side of Ritchie Highway, 0' north of Jones Station Road, Severna Park.

Property Address: 941 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146

SCOTT MIELKE - 2013-0072-V (AD 3, CD 5) May 7, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. Arundel Center, Room 310 - Variance to allow an accessory structure (pier) on a lot without a principal structure on property located 29' along the southeast side of Moreau Lane, 220' southeast of Shakespeare Drive, Severna Park.

Property Address: 262 Moreau Lane, Severna Park, MD 2114

[www.aacounty.org/Calendars/Administrative%20Hearings/bymonth/summary/5/1/2013/T-Administrative%20Hearing#.UWdUzaKG0d8](http://www.aacounty.org/Calendars/Administrative%20Hearings/bymonth/summary/5/1/2013/T-Administrative%20Hearing#.UWdUzaKG0d8)