



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL (GSPC)

Delegation Meeting Minutes

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July 10, 2018



*Delegation Meetings are held the 2nd
Tuesday of the month.*

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Delegation Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Earleigh Heights Fire Department Presentation by Chief Dave Crawford
Cell is 936-465-5812 and email is dave.crawford@pfgc.com or dcra2@att.net

Chief Crawford is originally from Texas but now lives in Severna Park. For the past 2.5 years, he has been working on a project to rezone the land from R1 to C3 to fund a new firehouse by leasing the land to a convenience store and fast food chains. They paid a fundraising firm \$40,000 to assess their options, and were told they would not receive any money from fundraising. There will no longer be a carnival or Christmas trees at the site. They have to submit the request to the County by Friday because of the moratorium on zoning. He is hoping it will be approved in September so they can break ground in November, which will then be a 13-month project. They are not receiving any impact fees collected by the County from the real estate developers. The other option would be for the County to take over the land, which would not impact taxes.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

There was a discrepancy found regarding Planning and Zoning Committee report which requires further investigation. A revised set of minutes will be sent out if needed.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Checking account balance is \$5,260.36
- One check cleared for \$120.

Membership (Steve Poland)

- Past Due for 2018: Bluff Point, Evergreen, Olde Severna Park, Kilmarnock, Severndale, Manhattan Beach, North Cape Arthur.
- Unpaid for 2 years or more: Erin Garth, Belleview Estates, Sullivan's Retreat, North Severna Park, Twin Harbors, Whitney's Landing.

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

- [National Night Out](#) is on Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30-8pm at Earleigh Heights Fire Station. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police

and neighbors together under positive circumstances. It is FREE to the PUBLIC and will include Lite Fare, Beverages, Ice Cream, Giveaways, Games for Kids, Contests, Community Booths, Demonstrations, Police and Fire Vehicles on Display, and FREE Entertainment the Entire Night.

- 4th of July Parade was very successful this year.
- Shop Local has been rescheduled to August 18 at Park Plaza.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Art Timmons)

- GSPC voted to assist Severna Forest to prevent a Raptor Rescue Center on a private lot.
- The Enclave at Severna Park: The minutes of the Community Meeting confirmed that not one comment was recorded in the minutes. Many questions were not recorded either. Aside from the many problems with the plans themselves, we feel the minutes of the meeting as sent out are not an accurate reflection of what occurred at the meeting, and therefore does not meet the intended purpose of the meeting, which is to present “information regarding the development, including proposed stormwater management design and any requested modifications, and allowing the community to ask questions and provide comments.” No comments were recorded. Follow up with Phil Hager on this. This could be a weakness in the system.
- The Preserve at Severna Park has some neighboring communities asking questions from last month’s Community Meeting on June 11. The pre-construction meeting was held in November 2016 with 3 residents present. Apparently few if any were notified and therefore didn’t attend. This final Community Meeting was better attended. The meeting was presented by Messick and Associates and may have been done in a similar manner as the Enclave at Severna Park meeting in which only questions from those attending and the direct answers from the presenter were recorded, and no comments, concerns, or suggestions were recorded. This may be a problem unique to this engineer, but will require investigation as to what is required to be recorded in a community meeting.
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3: Board of Appeals should not be the authority on interpreting the Code. They should approve or deny the plans. That’s all. Then the Circuit Court can do the same thing. Neither of them should be writing Code. They have 3 options: re-submit; appeal to the Circuit Court; or drop the project altogether.
- The Nabil Badro Property: The Board has concluded the hearings and a visit to the site. The Board of Appeals met on Thursday, June 13, at 5:30 PM in Room 160 of the Calvert Center to deliberate on the Nabil Badro Property decision. Around 20 people were present to hear the deliberation with no input allowed. Several motions were made and seconded, but all motions either failed or deadlocked. The deadlocked votes resulted in a denial of the request. Once again, the presence of our residents speak almost as loud as words. Thank you for those of you that came. The active involvement of the residents of the Greater Severna Park Council is why GSPC works.
- Construction Site Pollution email that John spoke of?
- 121 Jennings Road turning 1 lot into 5.
- Robinson Landing? August 1 meeting at 6pm for site plan review.
- What is going on with Mideri Road/the Reserve? Looks like it will be going forward. Amy will check with Art.
- Looking for more committee members.

Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- New student board member is our very own [Josie Urrea](#) from SPHS. Congratulations!
- The election for adult member for District will take place in November. The 2 nominees on the ballot are Dana Schallheim and Terry Gilleland.

Police / Community Relations (John Norville)

- Police Academy 6 weeks behind schedule due to rain; Late winter/early spring to be finished.
- Central Booking in Annapolis (Jennifer Road) will be finished in fiscal year 2020.
- 20 new cops requested, 10 SRO's (School Resource Officers); 9 laterals currently in training system.
- Officer will be placed @each district to help walk-ins.
- Fleet of tazers need to be cycled out due to age and replaced with new ones - cost \$300 thousand.
- Pilot program for D.A.R.E. each year up to 4 schools.
- We now have 18 police dogs - 4 more requested.
- [National Night Out](#) is on Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30-8pm at Earleigh Heights Fire Station.
- Considering purchasing a new helicopter.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- Maryland Attorney General Frosh has filed a petition against the FAA.
- The MAA consultants will explain what the April FAA proposal means at the Roundtable meeting on July 17.
- There is a movement forming to have protests nationwide against the FAA and NextGen.
- S.1405 - Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2017 was introduced on 6-22-2018. Addendums still being reviewed. Please contact Senator John Thune at Website [http:// www.thune.senate.gov/](http://www.thune.senate.gov/) or (202) 224-2321. Let him know you want FAA accountability to the public and NextGen effects corrected.

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

- Meeting last night with delegates of surrounding communities at SPHS. Benfield Road before Holland will be double lane with right turn only to Evergreen. First lane goes straight to Robinson with 3 lanes feeding into light. The new crosswalk by teacher's parking lot will have a signal, even when no crossing guard is there. They are taking the shoulder off of Benfield for new lane. Also creating school safety zone on Robinson and Benfield to show what speed is, which also means a double fine if caught speeding in safety zone. They will cite kids crossing street not at crosswalk.
- Truckhouse Road light will have yield to pedestrian crossing with 7 second delay. A letter has been sent to the engineer asking for a timeline, but no response.
- Paving on Evergreen and Riggs.
- Nothing about Cedar and Evergreen.
- There has not been an update on West Benfield closure, so Erin will contact the County for more information.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

Severn River Association

- [Bees & Butterflies Presentation](#) at Union Jacks on July 17 from 7-9pm at Union Jack's of Annapolis. Melinda P. Fegler, Executive Director of PX3-Pollinators Prospering People, will discuss what can we do to ensure that we have a healthy relationship with bees & butterflies to pollinate our fruit, vegetables and flowers.
- [Severn River Oyster Reef Building Crews Event](#) will take place on Monday, July 23 from 12:30 to 2:30. Includes a box lunch. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for children.

Magothy River Association

- Passed around oysters from the Magothy and gave presentation. Each oyster shell has 4 to 6 juvenile oysters growing on it. Each adult oyster will filter about 50 gals of water a day.
- Filing an appeal about Old Man Creek to protect 100 foot buffer. Looking for support from GSPC. Paul will get together with Maureen.
- Looking for people to help with Living History Project.
- [Dark False Mussels in Magothy](#)

Audit (Anne DeMajistre)

Anne DeMajistre will chair the audit that will likely take place in August. Call Anne at 410.241.9478 to volunteer.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- [Airbnb](#) and Short-term Rental Issues
 - Bill Lippencott from Kensington discussed the 4th of July incident in Kensington. A house was put on Airbnb by neighbor, and half of the neighborhood was packed with cars and one house had 100-150 people for a party/rave. There was a line waiting to get into neighborhood on Benfield. They had their own security there and someone at the door collecting money to let people in. Police were called 3 times and finally cleared out the party after midnight. The homeowner, who is out of the country, had the house designated as an event space. The agent taking care of the rental has now changed the listing to no events.
 - Is there a way to prevent this from happening? Can the County enact legislation regulating Airbnb and other short-term rentals.
 - Delegate from Mitisba Road spoke of a similar situation in her neighborhood. Military man lives near them and then strange people started showing up at the house. The owner opened up addiction rehab place in Forest Drive and is now renting his own backyard out.
 - Glen Oban has had issues with renters, too. They were told that if there is an individual meter, then county can intervene, but if not then there is nothing the county can do.
 - Neighborhood HOA covenants can enforce community by-laws with a fine, cease and desist, and taking the homeowner to court.
- Proposed Dog Park at Kinder

- They will be discussing this tomorrow night at the Friends of Kinder Park meeting at 6:30. This is open to the public.
- Amanda Fiedler, Republican Candidate for County Council
 - Most important will be GDP issues with cluster zoning, etc. Does not want more cluster zoning.
 - She also spoke of respecting the fact that there is a current councilman available to speak about issues as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

Next meetings:

- Delegation: August 14, 2018 SP Library 7:30pm
- Board of Directors: July 24, 2018 SP Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.