



Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

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Delegation meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month

President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:34 p.m., a quorum being present.

Guests:

Tom Cesky, new delegate for Woodberry Farms

Jeff Bill, Carrollton Manor

Phil and Laurie Edwards, Brittingham

Jeane Creek, New President for East Earleigh Heights

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Tabled to March.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- Checking account: \$5,008.23
- January dues deposited: \$140
- If you have not received dues notice, please let him know.
- 2019 Income/Balance report and 2020 Budget were presented in preparation for the Audit.

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

Please have dues come in.

Guest Speaker

County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler, 2040 Land Use

[Applications](#) on residential and commercial uses are on their way to the county council. Comments will close on February 29, 2020. Recommendations from P&Z only, nothing will be voted on at council. 9 regions in AA county and P&Z will do 3 regions at a time for 3 years each.

This means that zoning will be from 3-9 years depending where they address first. Council members cannot attend Board of Appeals hearings.

Q & A

Do you have an opinion on open space? Preserve or increase? (Doug Nichols, GSPC Director)

Councilwoman Fiedler: Generally, preserving.

Are you accepting comments from communities, individuals, or HOAs?

Councilwoman Fiedler: Both.

Does AA county have an adequate facilities requirement on these changes?

Councilwoman Fiedler: No. The formula for closed schools is greatly flawed. Looking at 2 yr back data instead of what is in the present-day classroom.

What is your opinion about residential parcels? (Tracy Nichol)

Councilwoman Fiedler: If they want to change zoning to commercial, it would have to be case by case basis.

What is the timeframe on when to see if the Badro Property at Veterans can be used as open space?

Councilwoman Fiedler: 3-9 years. Comments can be submitted now and will guide planning and zoning. November/December with GDP.

I was told the land use changes being submitted are not zoning changes and should only affect property that is being used outside of its zoning. The land being used in a certain way are the only ones that should be looking at in this process? For example, AACCC is residential and not educational. (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)

Councilwoman Fiedler: There is a lot of confusion between land use applications and rezoning. Zoning changes will come during regional planning. Land use will be coming in front of the county council. Land use changes will be in the GDP.

Won't the administration be termed out before the regional planning is scheduled to be completed in 9 years? (Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary)

Councilwoman Fiedler: When we did comprehensive rezoning there were 20 people in planning and zoning but now there are 14 vacancies in planning and zoning. The council has funded 7 additional positions. There are challenges in the hiring process.

St. John's Catholic church is on property zoned R5. Would that be a legitimate land use change? (Craig Myers, Cypress Creek Improvement)

Councilwoman Fiedler: Churches are allowed in residential areas by special exception or conditional use.

R2 housing: does it become 2.5 if it includes water and sewage?

Councilwoman Fiedler: It has not been brought up with this council.

Do you know anything about the firehouse application?

Councilwoman Fiedler: They have started the process through GDP but if they are the last 3 or middle 3 it will be a really long time.

Should we start online and bombard with comments? (Susan Foote)

Councilwoman Fiedler: Only 1 per person may comment per project.

Is the 3-10 year timeline based on current staff?

Councilwoman Fiedler: Yes.

Could you direct them to hire more staff? (Doug Nichols, GSPC Director)

Councilwoman Fiedler: The council has already increased the budget for more empty positions. They cannot tell the personnel office to go hire people.

Hypothetically, what if none of this comes to fruition?

Councilwoman Fiedler: There is a moratorium on upzoning from the previous council and they are still required to do the GDP.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce

It is never too early to think about the 4th of July parade.

Appointment of Audit Committee

Susan Nolte was appointed to Chair the Audit Committee. Sharon Wood, Amy Leahy, and Pam Jeter have volunteered and been appointed to the Audit Committee.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy)

- Earleigh Heights house: There is a Stop work order but not for height. Planning and zoning under Phil Hagar turned it down, but the Administrative hearing officer decided it was a legally buildable lot.
- 537 B&A Blvd putting in for an addition. Thursday night 7pm.
- Badro property: Council chambers room 160. It will just be sitting and listening unless you are an attorney.
- Senior affordable housing bill passed. 5-2. It will allow density housing without going through a special exception process. Allowing R22 in R5 **and** R2.
- RCA: Approving variances in critical areas. Bill would prohibit density increases through variance.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- Early dismissal tomorrow.
- Monday off next week for President's Day.
- Teacher recruitment issues to be heard at the next BOE meeting.
- Transportation evaluation completed and can be found [here](#). Workshop on March 10.
- There is a hearing at 1pm next Monday afternoon at the legislature about the Kirwan commission. This will cost \$32bil over the next 10 years.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

The next Eastern District Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) will meet at 7:30PM at the Eastern Districts Headquarters Large Conference Room on 19 Feb 2020. The report continued with a plea from Chief Altomare for Anne Arundel County community leaders to understand that the County Executive, Stuart Pittman, has been most helpful in his support of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, providing budget dollars for expanding the police force in numbers of staff, adding new technology, and standing behind the Police Department when talking with the press and those who would hurt the Police force in the public eye. This is partly in response to media providers using stereotypes of other police departments (Baltimore Police Dept.) when providing information to the AA County Police, in operations or policies. Chief Altomare also wants all of Anne Arundel County to know that he feels the residents and local businesses support the County Police, and he wants them to know he does know this to be true. Many businesses supported the recent operation to apprehend the shooter of two County Police Detectives during the stakeout and arrest in the Stoney Beach area of Pasadena. There was no hesitation from AA County Schools Superintendent Arlotto in shutting down the public schools in the Northeast HS feeder system while the apprehension was taking place.

Environmental Committee (Lisa Bender and Paul Spadaro)

- See attachments and flyers from SRA.
- The Chesapeake Legal Alliance can help some causes.
- March 27 is the State of the Magothy. Chris Phipps from the county will be speaking. New information on Lake Waterford and Wishing Rock about Native Americans. 7pm.
- The county has WITHDRAWN their approval of the final site plan for the Marsh Landing subdivision. They decided to finish the case on what was submitted, which means it will be appealed. Developer has to come back with a better plan.
- Just because something is zoned R5 or R22, it does not mean that will be the number. Have to take environmental factors into account as well. Just because a house is a vacant lot next door, it can only support the amount of houses that the land can support. There are consequences for development.
- The environmental impacts of new development is not so obvious to see. However, because of today's storm water controls are so ineffective and the continued loss of tree cover that new development requires. Soil sediments that are held in place by the existing tree cover are washed down into the Magothy.
- A section of the upper cattail creek has been washed out near Oak Hill Elementary school. These soils sediments build up and eventually block navigation thus requiring expensive maintenance dredging. Since 1980 Cattail Creek has been dredged 3 times.
- Making improvements at Beachwood park.
- To date we have produced two boating safety placemats: "Scientific Divers of the Magothy" and "Boating Safety on the Magothy". We have also produced eight environmentally-themed placemats: "Magothy River", "Underwater Grasses of the Magothy River", "Bogs of the Magothy watershed ", "Oysters of the Magothy River", "Fish of the Magothy River", and "Trees of the Magothy watershed ", "Ducks of the Magothy River " and Native Americans of the Magothy River. These wonderful placemats will be available at participating restaurants. If are a restaurant owner would like to participate in this program, send an email to President@Magothyriver.org
- We are almost to the “build out”. Remaining 2 pieces of land in Severna Park are wetland, steep slopes; or solid land with tree covers. Every tree holds thousands of gallons of water that acts as a reservoir. These are the only 2 types of land available in Severna Park.

Public Works (Erin O’Neill)

- Still no follow up on the constant standing water on B&A new Hoyle Lane
- The study at 648 and Evergreen Road was to be completed within 60 days from October 25th. The report should be out very soon.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote and Richard Newton)

- Residents who got warnings instead of tickets. Posted for restricted parking. Trying to eliminate student parking overflow. Public works is leaving the restricted signs up and police will continue to monitor when requested. The biggest problem can be disrespectful behavior. It's not just the parking, but the destruction.
- Speaker system: Dectronics was initially supposed to be placed in the ground but put in the air instead. The contract has now been given to Acoustic Design. They will meet at the school Thursday or Friday next week. They seem interested in what is going on. If you have any comments, feel free to contact Richard at 410.903.1928.
- Anything to increase parking at high school? No. Kids are in priority groups. Done with day at 10am. Priority to those at community college or internships.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- New legislation in the House.
- [Phoenix](#) won a lawsuit against the FAA but too much wiggle room. Going back to court.
- [Denver](#) is gearing up for a major fight.
- Will hopefully know in the next month if the FAA is going to listen to the roundtable.

[ASPIRE](#) Report (Maureen Carr York)

Wednesday, March 25 is the annual leadership award dinner. There is an article written in the Severna Park Voice about the 10 recipients. There is also a dinner at Chartwell for \$50 per person. Each community association is eligible to nominate someone. If people attending do not want dinner, they can come at 8pm for the awards portion.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Next Meetings:

Delegation: 3/10/20 Severna Park Library 7:30pm

Board of Directors: 2/25/20 Severna Park Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.