

# Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

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President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:36 p.m. via Zoom with 35 participants in the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

January minutes reviewed and corrected. Motion to approve minutes and seconded.

**Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

\$630 deposited for 18 communities

30 communities now paid

Income and distribution \$.49

Checking \$2795.31

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

30 communities paid for this year and 60 in good standing from last year.

Guest Speaker

Larry Mathena, PMP Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration

[Project updates on Shipleys Dam Rehab and Bear Branch Stream Restoration](#)

Q&A

*Do they see needing any more work between the dam site and culvert down on the road? Will they do any more? (Art Timmons, GSPC Director)*

Mr. Mathena: There are no more plans to work in that area. They ran into problems with the design if it extended further downstream because it would be near the Chesapeake Bay critical area needing many more permits.

*Is there any talk about putting in a path around these projects? (Bill Lippincott, GSPC Director)*

Mr. Mathena: Something about a path or park has been mentioned but nothing is planned. That's not to say someone else couldn't come do it. Late in construction on Benfield Blvd there was talk about sidewalks and bike lanes. There is no shoulder and people come flying through the area. There have been discussions with the traffic department and have put in a few traffic calming plastic poles, etc.

*Could you give a rough idea of the size we are looking at with yellow lines and buffers? (Paul Spadaro, Magothy River Association)*

Mr. Mathena: Maybe a couple 100 feet. In the winter time you can look through the creek and see the houses.

*Has the county administration in charge of Plan 2040 coordinated with the managers of this restoration project? Plan 2040 has slated for a lot of development towards areas like these. If there is not any coordination, wouldn't some of these plans interfere? (Austin Holley, GSPC Director)*

Mr. Mathena: No one has coordinated with me in terms of the plan. Maybe those higher up have had input.

*Can permits involving stream restoration take priority instead of having to wait with development projects? Planning and Zoning should help get permits through. Why have wait for developer projects when this is a restoration project? (Karen Royer)*

Mr. Mathena: Developers have political pressure and backing to get their projects through. County employees do not have that kind of leverage. They have tried to communicate through the management chain why they have so many problems getting permits but developers do not. They don't want to skip steps or permit requirements, but permitting is usually not very quick for the restoration projects.

*All this work at Bear Branch could be rendered useless with the development plan. Rendered moot if they do all that work at the top just to have the ground paved over at the bottom. (Austin Holley, Shipley's Choice)*

*Are you including the communities involved in the dam project with the bear branch restoration project? They don't necessarily want to know about the walkway but would like to know what to expect downstream and when. (Lynne Rockenback, Ben Oaks)*

Mr. Mathena: Not sure when he's going to start doing project updates. Plan is to use the same mailing list and include the downstream folks and HOAs and new communities up to Bear Branch. Anyone is welcome to join the update list.

## Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce

None.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy and committee)

- Bill 7-21: Housing for elderly of moderate means live-in caretakers. A year or so ago there was a bill passed specifically for high rise in R2. Now there is a new bill for apartments in R2. Live-in caretakers are now eligible. The whole purpose behind making sure it was just senior housing was to make sure there wasn't a lot of traffic in and out, school density, etc. Public hearing Feb 16. Amy Leahy is willing to testify on behalf of GSPC.
- Bill 11-21: GDP Plan 2040. Introduced Feb 1. Public hearing on March 1. Repeals 2009 GDP, adopts plan 2040 volumes 1 and 2. Makes this GDP official document. It is a broad

scope bill versus site specific. They have also stuck at the end of this bill an impact fee change. Impact fees were supposed to be collected in locations where the development occurs, but this change will give the impact fees exclusively to expansion of Odenton, Glen Burnie Small Area Plan, and Parole area.

- Bill 13-21: Allowing virtual hearings on changes themselves. Evidentiary hearing by zoom/virtual means part of BOA rules change. This includes specific information about who is able to participate. Only those members who have heard all evidence and appeal except that the chair of the hearing shall have the ability to listen to the stenographer's recording. At the end, in no event shall a member be allowed to participate if misses the first hearing. Badro property: someone wasn't allowed to vote. Could be a concern if it's up to the chair of the committee to choose who can and cannot participate if they can't make it.
- Millersville Crossing at Brightview Drive is 53 units, 3 stories and trying to expand.
- Things are moving which aren't necessarily plans but laws are changing.
- Mt. Misery is a civil war historic spot targeted for development. Paul Spadaro from MRA explained that the problem with things like historic settings is that the county relies on developers to do the study. That doesn't trip any protection.

#### Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler

- Spoke to Steve Kai-Ziegler about Mt. Misery. OPZ is aware of it. Even though variances were approved the applicant still has to apply for other permits.
- Bill 7-21: Bill is to make law in compliance with fair housing laws. The sponsor is calling it a cleanup bill.
- Bill 11-21: Generalized high level bill. Impact fees have the words "consideration of priority." This opens up discussion. Details of what is anticipated is in 2 volumes of books. With respect to land use applications, the staff recommends not making these changes until they are discussed during the regional plans. The concern is that not every region will have volunteer pools to address. We are in region 4, not to be confused with District 5.
- Bill 109-20: It passed at last council meeting. Bill to reduce short-term rental fee on short term basis. Folks renting out homes are not getting the clientele they usually do. There is a new administrative officer and new staff. The auditor will also be retiring.
- The blue house on Earleigh Heights connector has had a stop work order for some time. The builder sent in an application to remove the portion of the house that is in the county right of way. Maybe removing the bath and bedroom? Not sure.
- Chesapeake High School is located where it is because there was supposed to be intense development but instead it turned into Downs Park.

#### County Executive Update Reece Peak:

Update on vaccination [process](#): The issue is really supply. 1500 will go to seniors over 75. 1000 go to public school teachers and 500 for childcare and private school teachers. 400 will go to essential employees. So far administered 43k first doses and 14k second doses. Had to cancel all second dose clinics and tomorrow because they did not receive a shipment from the state. Expecting to get vaccines and then don't which causes the delays. There are 102k people who have pre-registered. They are encouraging people to go to different sources to find vaccines. 6 flags, hospitals, baltimore convention center, cvs, etc have also gotten doses. Typically on

Fridays they will have summaries as provided above. The registration process is a random number. Pfizer is at the community college and Moderna is at the casino.

#### Education Committee (Holly Slack)

The i-Ready diagnostic was given in January.

Hybrid students will return on March 1.

Teachers are returning on Feb 17.

Report cards come out tomorrow.

Spring sports season information: [Superintendent recommendation and Board of Ed recommendation.](#)

#### Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

There is a virtual meeting next Wednesday at 7pm. Doug will send the link to Maureen so she can send it out to the membership. They haven't heard about whether the council will continue with the new chief in place, but they are hoping it will.

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

Materials were sent out to the membership last week.

State of the Magothy will be on March 17 presented by Dr. Horner. The second part of the program will feature information about Native Americans in the watershed area.

#### Public Works (Doug Nichols)

Nothing new to report.

#### SPHS Neighbors Committee (Susan Foote/Richard Newton)

Richard spoke to the supervisor dealing with the speaker system. They are hoping to have it finished by the end of the month/mid-March. The holdup is the design of poles and speaker systems.

#### Airport Noise Committee (Austin Holley and Linda Curry)

As a part of the current PBN process at BWI Marshall, the FAA has been presented with a proposal for changes supported by the BWI Roundtable and has itself proposed a potential solution to a small portion of the problems resulting from NextGen's implementation at BWI Marshall. The proposed changes developed by the MAA and supported by the BWI Roundtable were developed under serious time constraints in order to achieve some change before the FAA's PBN process was completed at BWI Marshall for the foreseeable future.

The BWI Roundtable's proposal is the first of its kind (technically validated by the MAA and airline industry) to be submitted to the PBN process. This establishes an important and positive precedent and has been made possible by the following critical factors/components:

1. Autonomy of the BWI Roundtable to report directly to state legislators and local governments who appointed its voting body.
2. Technical and administrative support of our airport authority, the Maryland Aviation Administration.

- Technical support included the work of HMMH, a contractor to the MAA,

with the technical expertise to design airspace to the FAA's stringent criteria.

3. Support of Southwest Airlines including technical support to validate proposed airspace designs against aircraft capability in their company simulators.

The PBN Working Group process is extensive and occurs at irregular intervals at BWI Marshall; however, the FAA maintains another process for small procedural changes between PBN Working Groups called the IFP Gateway intake. According to the FAA, technically proficient, industry approved, airport and BWI Roundtable endorsed changes would be considered in this process.

Potential and significant avenues to mitigate post-NextGen noise pollution at BWI Marshall include local restrictions on airport operating hours, aircraft type and noise category and planned airport growth.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy and Susan Nolte)

ASPIRE dinner is planned for March 31.

#### Old Business

- Track and tennis courts are still locked up at SPHS. Principal Bathras said there will be a gate open to the public for certain times and areas. There are other groups that use the fields and need to be restricted. Tennis courts are still damaged so they are still not open. Principal can always veto use.
- Appreciate GAN efforts and updated session and slides are available from Growth Action Network. Great for Plan 2040 research.
- Elizabeth Rosborg has been appointed to the Planning and Zoning advisory board so she will be stepping down from GAN.

#### New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.

Next meeting dates:

General: 3/9/21 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Board of Directors: 2/23/21 at 7:30pm via Zoom