

Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:34 p.m. via Zoom with 39 participants in the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to accept minutes made and seconded. Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- \$560 dues
- \$23.40 interest
- \$3355.31 Checking account
- \$405.50 Money market

Guest Speakers

Nestor Flores, Traffic Engineering, AA County Public Works
Severna Park projects

Neighborhood Traffic Control

- West Benfield Rd: Pedestrian Crossings with speed control (crosswalks and shelter islands)
- Cypress Creek East: Neighborhood traffic control (chokers) near Dill Rd

Pedestrian Enhancements

- Jumpers Hole Rd at Kinder Farm Park entrance
- B&A trail crossings at Robsinson, Evergreen/Old County, Riggs Ave, Benfield at Severna Park High School
- Evergreen Rd at Cedar; Evergreen Rd at Hatton and Evergreen Rd at Avondale

Bicycle Markings and Signing

- Benfield Rd and Robinson Rd

School Bus Stop Warning Device

- At the intersection of Trackhouse Rd and Stratford/Westholme (vertical curve where student was hit)

Future Traffic Operation Studies

- Evergreen Rd/Riggs Ave/MD 648 Triangle. They will be reaching out to the community to create a working group.
- Benfield Rd Corridor signal timing and phasing review
- Veterans Highway corridor signal timing and phasing review

Q&A

Is there any update on Jumpers Hole Road? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)

That is with the office of transportation but he can get details.

Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler: The Jumpers Hole Project [page 146a](#). It is not slated for funding until FY2023. It is a priority she shares with the County Executive each year, but has not been moved up as of yet.

When state highways cross county roads, does the state work with you to have these lights timed correctly? (Karen Royer, Berrywood)

We work closely together, and the closest allies are with District 5.

Corporal Scott McAdoo, Eastern District Community Relations and Corporal Dwayne Raiford

- The focus of his job is how they share information with the public.
- Corp. McAdoo was a policeman for 10 years, and he has been in this position for 4 years and loves it. He also helps facilitate neighbor disputes.
- PCRC is a great opportunity to get familiar with officers.
- License plate readers are having a lot of success. The technology is incredible, making it much easier to identify crimes.
- They have implemented an anonymous tipline where you can just leave a voicemail and do not need to identify yourself: 410.222.3502

Q&A

Why does the 8600 block of Veterans Highway usually have so many reported assaults? (John Norville, GSPC Director)

This is actually a police station where people show up to report a crime. Those are the walk-ins. Most district stations will show a lot of activity due to the walk-in reporting.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce

- At this time, they would normally be planning their Spring Shop Local event which takes place in May at Park Plaza. Due to continuing COVID restrictions, they will be unable to have this event.
- The Permit application has been submitted for the July 4th parade. The parade -- if they can have it -- will be on Monday, July 5th since July 4th falls on a Sunday. They are cautiously optimistic and hoping that enough of the restrictions will be lifted to allow for large gatherings. Annapolis is planning their parade, but they are under a different jurisdiction and different protocols than those created by County Executive Pittman.

- Our businesses are doing everything possible to remain strong and viable. They have been able to take advantage of Federal, State and Local disaster relief in the forms of loans and grants.
- Please reach out to 410.647.3900 or email ceo@gspacc.com

Planning/Zoning/Legislation (Amy Leahy and committee)

- Bill 11-21 does away with the 2009 GDP plan that we have been living with for so long. It will be a big departure from everything we have known. Ms. Fiedler does not believe it will pass as is and that it will be amended.
- Plan 2040 is all-consuming at this point. Art does a great job with his report.
- The Board of Appeals has an evidentiary hearing tomorrow via zoom.
- Allison Pickard declined the offer to meet with the Citizens Advisory committee. They are very disappointed their views have not been addressed. Sadly, they are expecting the regional planning to go the same way.
- Board of Appeals meeting info for tomorrow:
<https://www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/board-of-appeals/board-of-appeals-calendar/event/03/10/2021/board-of-appeals-zoom-open-meeting-1>
Need to register ahead of time and a link will be sent by the office.
- The required 60 day Badro report has still not been filed. It is past due now.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

Hybrid learning is going well. Although only 1/3 of county students opted for the hybrid format, about half of Severna Park students opted for hybrid.

County Executive Report (Reece Peak)

- They are reaching out to people having trouble getting the vaccine and moving on to group 1c. There are no updates following Gov. Hogan's announcement easing restrictions today. The reported outbreak at the Naval Academy does not affect the county's numbers. Feel free to reach out with any questions by emailing expeak22@aacounty.org.
- Karen Royer: why isn't there someone from the environment being represented as part of the GDP committee?

County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler

- Will look into information concerning rising COVID numbers.
- Citizen committee: page 71 of volume 1 is a list of groups that may be included as representatives and one of those is environmental representation. They are looking to further expand or define some of these groups.
- Currently they are reviewing legislation related to personnel matters.
- There is one land use bill about recycling wood but she doesn't think that will impact District 5.
- There is not a lot of other legislation since the focus is on Plan 2040.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols/Mary Vogelsang)

- There will be a zoom meeting on March 17. Maureen will send out the information.
- There is a shredding event in May at AA Co. Police Headquarters off Veterans Highway.

Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro/Lisa Bender)

- Severn River document sent earlier today.
- Thanks to everyone emailing Planning and Zoning head Mr. Kai-Ziegler about Mt. Misery. It played a big part of the Civil War--possibly more than Ft. McHenry. They are going to Phase 1.
- State of the Magothy on March 17. Click [here](#) to register.
- House Bill 843 will be detrimental to the Magothy.
- MRA was established in 1964 and is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Public Works Committee (Doug Nichols)

Nothing to report.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (Richard Newton/Susan Foote)

- The poles for the sound speaker system should be ready in 2 weeks.
- Tennis courts have been locked up since October 26, 2020.

Airport Noise Committee (Austin Holley)

The FAA group that was supposed to meet in March has been delayed due to administration changes.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

ASPIRE dinner will be held on September 29, 2021.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- Motion to take a position opposing HP 843. Motion adopted..
- Susan Nolte moved the GSPC Board to make a decision on the Cape St. Claire matter. Motion adopted.

Adjourned at 9:57pm

Next meetings

- General: April 13, 2021 7:30pm via Zoom with new Police Chief Awad
- Board of Directors: March 23, 2021 7:30pm via Zoom

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.