

Whiteford/Cardiff/Pylesville/Street Community Advisory Board Meeting
March 19, 2018
Whiteford Library 6:30pm

Call to Order
Opening remarks DOUG HOWARD Chair

HCSO Public safety report
are down. Recap last meeting issues with speed and drug activity in Whiteford.
York county fire, discussed.
Patti Hankins Question: Post office employee was asking if radar could be set up by the post office. Answer: HCSheriff took note of request.
Board Member: Made note, and thanks of increased patrol.

Chelsea: Was there truth to the rumors on social media, there was a North Harford Bomb/Shooting Threat? HCS Answer: Which one? There are so many threats that come in every day now. There have been social media posts-generic, with school name change that go out through social media, even coming from out of state. In one night 3 HCPS had, "threat pushed out through snapchat/instagram". HCS investigate every call, and in all instances no credible threat found. What is often the case is there is no warning call for credible threats. Unfortunately, if there is a credible threat, they do not call it in ahead of time.

Katherine H.: Drug activity at highs? HCS all they can do is monitor.
Follow up question about shotgun that was seized by HCSO. Gun was illegal, and was confiscated.

Tesha Wright: Make note of all the press releases from County Executive's office available for attendees to take copies of.
There were no questions for Tesha.

Sue Sapp from Council Pres office: County council about to go through the budget process, any comments or questions should be brought to the councils' attention at one of the upcoming public hearings. (Thurs May 3rd 7pm, And Wed May 9th 7pm)

Chad Shrodes: Issues of involvement the last few months; Dollar General being one (to be discussed later in the meeting).
Also issues of a proposed sub-station. Community involvement; community weighing in on sub-station and how to have least impact on neighbors (discussed later in meeting).

CS: Kilgore falls; recently have been having a good dialogue with DNR folks (Wilson, Park manager, etc.) to work together. May 21st CAB meeting extended to DNR folks to make a presentation to the CAB.

PH: There was an email sent out to all including, the delegation with a video about Kilgore falls. Video recap; from Harford Summer film camp: "Why are we trashing Kilgore Falls"

The main issues (with Kilgore falls) being the illegal parking, and the amount of littering.

Board Member: Is there any reason we can't move forward with the walking trail?

CS: That is a Tesha question. It's my understanding this administration is not going to do a lot of brick and mortar projects, we're trying to level the budget, make sure the teachers and law enforcement have the funds they need.

DH and Board Members: What happened is everyone from the gov keep stressing ball fields and rec centers, even though something like a walking trail would get the most use by most people. This has been going on for (over) 10 years now.

CS: And I do not have the influence, like the county exec.

DH and Board members: Talk about Bog Turtle study...they (Bog turtle) like it wooded, there is a slim section of that trail that might have a bog turtle. Worth delving into study done.

Tim Rickey: Re light issues from nearby plant; contacted plant manager. Where we are right now, they want us to keep track of when it's light and when it's not. They understand now it's an issue, and want to work to resolve it. Started keeping log, need to come up with a measurement system (for monitoring the light) and calling for people who want to take part in logging the effect of the light on their property(near delta power plant), to reach out (to Tim).

Attendee: Someone from FOH is starting an effort to regulate light pollution in HarCo (there currently is nothing)

TR: RE MEASURMENT; some % as to how much light there is at a given time.

Mary Stewart and Chad Shrodes: Dollar General will not be constructed. It wasn't an authorized use for B1 zoning. "Rural overlay district" is something being discussed right now, for instance a B3 has the same requirements in a rural environment, as right next to a more industrial area. But creating a "rural overlay" that would make the requirements for a parcels' zoning to take into account the environment that parcel is located (near a waterway or highway).

New Nominations Patti Hankins for Vice Chair, Chelsea Roberts for Secretary, voted on, in favor.

PH: Transource Projects; our group is fundraising. They will not render a year from now, "we are in it for the long haul", and it will be expensive to sustain.

DH: Linda Burris, from Delmarva.

Linda Burris: Thanks to HarCo residents with the recent wind storm. MANY power outages. HarCo is a very small portion of Delmarva base; recently asked to be on Board of Harford County Education Association. LB was assured by HCEA a donation fund would serve children in the Delmarva territory.

LB: Prospect unit sub-station: 136, first you see the Macton one. There is another one in Whiteford, about a mile down the road. The substations help us with reliability. Nobody wants it, I understand. Steve Bitner was chosen as community spokesperson. Chad, Steve and Linda met to discuss ("Kevin" wasn't there, and regrettably Kevin is not here tonight. LB Brought Mr.Sneeden (communications) to CAB meeting to answer any community/media questions).

LB: We don't have to wait until the next CAB to have a meeting, if the community would like to have a meeting. The substation IS going to go there, so we want to work with you to make sure it has as little impact as possible/has a more desired aesthetic.

PH: Is this substation the size of the one on Deerfield in Dublin?

LB: It is, but it will look more like the one by the American legion. (new building vs. retro fit) It is more like a unit sub, a sub station would be considered larger than what this structure will be. We typically put up a chain link fence, but will be putting more time and consideration into the aesthetic than other projects. Also looking into keeping lighting levels low. Have already in Cecil county mitigated lighting issues; can and will also do so here. Also Steve B. asked for some trees to be put in (additional landscaping). We usually, and will do additional landscaping, adding trees along the driveway is likely for this substation. Will minimize use of overhead lines.

PH Question: How far is it from nearest house?

Maurice Jones (Jones Farm): About 100 feet from my house.

To me it would mean a difference if you can make it look like a barn. It shouldn't be a question, if you might be able to make it look like a barn, it should be an easy decision. This will change the way that area looks forever. Also, it is odd to me; I didn't know that land was going up for sale. If I knew, and my neighbors knew, we would've bought it.

LB: I will find out for you the process of how Delmarva came to acquire it.

PH: And Linda, could you also find out the reasons for why it was chosen for the location it is now marked to go?

LB: I will find out.

Mrs. Bitner (speaking on behalf of Steve Bitner): I'm just happy to hear you're willing to make it look like it belongs in the neighborhood. Grass, and a fence are not our neighborhood. A barn structure would look like it belongs, and I don't think it would add too much \$ to the project for that not to be reasonable. Also, we (the

community) will have to be more vigilant for these substations to keep coming, because once they're proposed there's nothing we can do.

LB: I will make a commitment to this council-I will make sure any news of a new substation, I will reach out to you. And I apologize for not having done so in this event. I have respect for the community council, and will do better by you in the future.

DH: Ask for a volunteer to go to the upcoming budget meetings and ask about \$ for the walking trail. Public hearings in the council building in Bel Air: Thurs May 3rd 7pm, And Wed May 9th 7pm.

Public Comment

Diane Adkins Tobin: Circuit court judge candidate. I have 30 years practicing law. Bout 17years ago took job working with states' attorney. On the child advocacy Center board.