



Churchville, Creswell, Fountain Green Community Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for

24 FEB 2022

ATTENDANCE

Participant	Organization	Present
Board Members		
Jay DuBree	Chair – CCFG CAB	X
Ruth Cassilly	Member – CCFG CAB	
Jake English	Member – CCFG CAB	X
Lawrason Sayre	Member – CCFG CAB	
County Representatives		
Patrick Vincenti	President – Harford County Council	X
Robert Wagner	District E Councilman – Harford County Council	X
Brendan Mahoney	Representing the County Executive	X
Cynthia Lince	Representing the County Council	X
Tom Knapp	Representing State Senator Bob Cassilly	
Cpt. Scott Walter	Harford County Sheriff's Office	
Attending Citizens		
Jennifer Patterson		X

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Harford County Council Report

- Eva Mar
 - Prior to the announcement, all signs pointed that the project was moving forward.
 - There was a stop order on the building
 - There is the possibility that a new buyer will purchase the project and continue with a CCRC
 - The residents at Tudor Manor have been active in trying to find out more information about what is happening

- Mr. DuBree asked about a resolution with Havre de Grace regarding the Harford County redistricting map
 - Mr. Vincenti advised that he was not at liberty to comment on it.

- Mr. Wagner noted that the County government continues to have citizen input meetings on communities in locations that are inconvenient to the local citizens
 - Meetings have been moved to Richland Ballroom, but this location is not convenient to residents
 - Mr. Vincenti reached out to MRA to see why the Richland location was selected
 - Venues were difficult to get – either because of COVID restrictions or because of 6-8 timeframes (schools unavailable at that time)

- Mr. DuBree asked if there were any updates on the property of the former Crown gas station in Churchville
 - Mr. Wagner noted that he heard rumors, but none of them sounded feasible to the point of bringing up at the meeting

New Business

- The Plumber farm had two local farmers who tried to purchase the property, but the deal fell through
- This land has not yet been annexed by the City of Aberdeen
- There is a five year wait after annexation unless that hold is waived
- Mr. English asked if the CAB wished to have a representative from the redistricting commission to come to a future meeting to discuss the ongoing process
 - This question was put on hold, as a decision on the redistricting matter is expected on/by 07 MAR 2022

Sheriff's Office Update

- Captain Walter conducted his report:
 - Calls for service are down (particularly because of cold weather in 2022 compared to 2021)

- Traffic crashes went up (3 to 7 increase)
- Combatting aggressive driving is a focus for the agency
- There have been a number of high-visibility traffic incidents recently in Harford County
- A resumption of activity from the lockdown, there is an increase in activity
- Captain Walter made the assertion that anti-police sentiment has led to fewer traffic stops
- Thefts at commercial sites are somewhat up
- There was a discussion of traffic enforcement on Prospect Mill Rd.
- UCR to NIBRS – this happened in MAR 2021

Notes from Mr. Knapp (representing State Senator Bob Cassilly)

- Mr. Knapp noted that Mr. Cassilly is running for County Executive, and is very responsive to citizens' inquiries
- Mr. DuBree asked if there were any substantive updates from the current Maryland Legislative Session
 - Mr. Knapp noted that the process was still in process, and that much of the content being worked upon relates to law enforcement issues

Notes from Mr. Mahoney (representing the County Executive's Office)

- Mr. Mahoney reported that he had no updates related to the Eva Mar development project
- Related to an inquiry about the James Run development project, Mr. Mahoney noted that the plan is to build 47 town homes and the construction of a Royal Farms convenience store. Planning and Zoning is still reviewing proposals for the inclusion of age restricted apartments, as well
- Mr. Mahoney provided an update on the ThinkBig broadband connectivity effort
 - Mr. Mahoney recently attended a meeting of the Norrisville CAB, and everyone present who he asked had received access to broadband internet
 - Access for residents in District E is upcoming – all of the necessary infrastructure has been completed, and the current effort is to resolve logistics (easements, etc.)
- State road updates
 - No updates are available for the R. 136/Rt. 22 traffic study – this was supposed to be completed by January
 - Mr. Mahoney will share the results with the CAB as soon as they are available
- Mr. Mahoney indicated that the County Executive's office wants to increase awareness of the senior tax credit
 - The deadline for application is 01 APR 2022
 - Citizens eligible for the tax credit must be 65 or older, own their home, and must have lived there for 40+ years (there are also some eligibility waivers of those criteria available to veterans)
- Mr. Mahoney noted that the County had received a progress report that included positive news particularly in the area of economic development

Additional Discussion

- Mr. DuBree noted that Mr. Vincente had recently met with the Aberdeen Proving Ground senior commander, Major General Robert L. Edmonson II

- Mr. Vincente confirmed, noting that Gen Edmonson was not able to provide much additional clarity on the situation at Woodley Rd.
- That project is not going to be actualized for some time, and Mr. Vincente provided the opinion that this is an area in which the State Highway Administration needs to step up to provide support
- Mr. Vincente noted that the County had been working with Senator Cassilly's office to bring forward legislation that would provide grant funding for tractor trailer cameras on Perryman Rd (and others) to improve public safety
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

ACTION ITEMS

No outstanding action items were identified in this meeting.