

**Kings Park Association
General Meeting
May 15, 2017
Hernwood Elementary School**

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Dyson at 7:05 PM. President began the agenda for the evening immediately as there were a number of guest speakers. He introduced the first speakers who were Officer Kristie Makowiecki and a new officer to the Randallstown Substation. The officers responded to a number of concerns of the residents.

Some of the concerns of the residents included the following:

- 1) Locals hanging out at Exxon Gas Station, Marriottsville Shopping Center. Concerned residents believed that there was drug activity, solicitation for money, and general loitering at the two locations. The officer stated that the area is routinely patrolled regularly. When there is activity appearing, the officer recommended that a call be placed to the Department. Calls can be made anonymously. Another suggestion made was that the owners of the businesses be notified of any suspicious activity. This suggestion generated much discussion. It could be used as a tool to deter others from frequenting and have an impact on the owners' businesses.
- 2) Speeding particularly at Mendoza and Eustice Roads has been observed especially during the evenings and week-ends. To remedy this observation, the officer offered to residents to get as detailed description of the vehicle and if possible a tag number. Officer Makowecki also suggested contacting the traffic engineers who manage that domain to obtain another study of the area to see if other measures are warranted. Do not however take matters in your own hands. Residents then offered two other suggestions- a sign that indicated children at play and putting additional speed humps in the development. Again, the officers noted that the area is patrolled as much as possible. Residents say they want as much activity as possible.
- 3) Officer Wakowecki and President Dyson made an appeal to those present to consider becoming a member of the Citizens on Patrol. Training is available through the Police Department.

The second speaker for the evening was Senator Delores Kelley representing the 10th District. Senator Kelley updated those present on the successful legislation was passed as a result of her proposed initiatives. Having served on a number of key committees including the Judiciary Proceedings and the Criminal Justice significant legislation was passed.

The following key passages were approved and will now become law:

- 1) Vacant Property-875Notice of Foreclosure-The new law requires that the person authorized to sell the property must file a notice with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations; notice must also be filed with the Foreclosed Property Registry. In the Registry, the following information must be provided, street address, Tax Account Number, if known whether the property is vacant, and owner of the property.

- 2) Senator Kelley sought to better serve female constituents with the successful passage of SB 217. Rape Victims do have to prove that that they fought the perpetrator for the court to deliver a guilty verdict.
- 3) SB 348-Compensation for Erroneous Conviction-A person who has been exonerated by the Court does not have to receive pardoned by the Governor to be compensated for an erroneous conviction.
- 4) SB 674-Juvenile Services Programs for Females- Requires that girls be granted community-based programs where possible. The department of Juvenile Services must correct previous inadequacies.

A number of other bills were successfully sponsored by Senator Kelley. She directed those present to Google her name to learn of all that was passed in the 2017 legislative session. Senator Kelley also suggested that voters submit concerns that could possibly be crafted into legislation for the benefit all Marylanders.

Senator Kelley reminded residents of scholarships funds available for graduating seniors. Applicants can download the application to apply. Residents were also reminded of the changes in school board appointments. She invited all to attend th10th District Democratic Club Meeting on May on May 18th.

County Councilman Julian Jones, representative for the 4th District was the last guest speaker. The following announcements were made:

- 1) Tractor Supply store will be moving into the Old Food Lion location. They will take up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the former location once rented by the previous occupants. The company intends to spend approximately \$400,000 on renovations. Residents were disappointed to hear the news. The Councilman stated that efforts to secure a grocery store did not prevail for number reasons including size and willingness to sign a long term lease.
- 2) The former Owings Mills Mall is scheduled for reopen in in 2018. It will be redeveloped as an outdoor mall similar to other shopping venues in the area. Scheduled to be located there will be several big box stores such as Lowes, Costco, etc. Also in the planning stage is a hotel at the Metro Center near the location Baltimore County Community College.
- 3) Maryland transportation Administration plans to extend the bus route to Deer Park and Winands Road. The Fire Station did not want the turnaround near them. The bus will only run at this location during normal business hours. The turnaround will still remain near Chapman Road.
- 4) Exclusive Auto is now open at the former location of Charlie's RV. Christian Life Church has begun ground breaking and will commence building very soon. The church will be moving from its old location at Liberty and Patterson upon completion.
- 5) The school budget will see for the area will see new lighting at Milford Mill, Deer Park Elementary and Middle Schools, Randallstown will get new lighting and resurfacing of its parking lot.
- 6) The summer music festival for Liberty Road near Marriottsville Road will begin on June 23rd. Foundry Row will have music on Thursday evening.
- 7) PAL Centers received fund for basketball and tennis courts. There will be paving at Live Oak Road.

Two concerns raised by residents to the Councilman included getting a copy of the 10 year Master Plan for the area and development of more recreation for our youth.

President Dyson reminded homeowners of the new water Department policy of monthly bills instead of quarterly. He suggested that homeowners contact Baltimore City Department of Water. President Dyson said that he was told billing had been delayed. Monthly bills were to begin in April 2017.

Budget Report

Allocations for the Association's budget remain the same. There is a new company for the Community Shred Day in the Fall. One of the residents was able to identify a company that will charge less. The sign at Live Oak for the Community Shred Day will have to be replaced. It was stolen.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget report.

Dues Report-Annie Butler- Vice President

As of February 13th, there was a balance of \$3,990. Updated numbers revealed that 40 persons had paid by 4/22/17; and on 5/16/17 another 22 had paid. Total collected was \$935.00. Only 42% or 225 residents had paid. Mrs. Butler reported a very low percentage based on a total household of 539 households.

COP Report—Malik Freeman

There were a total of four opened cases. Letters were issued for failure to mow the lawns and cut tree limbs. Most residents had complied after receiving the written notification. Upon receipt of the notification residents are warned unless they comply, the County Code Enforcement will become involved.

Mr. Freeman asked for the support of all residents and requested that any suspicious activity be reported. Children and teens will be out on summer break from school, families will be vacationing so let us look out for the community. In addition, Mr. Freeman asked all residents to be on guard due to the expanded bus route.

At Kings Point and Marriottsville Road, the entrance wall is obstructing traffic due to its location. The sign must be 300 feet from the entry way. President Dyson said that he would investigate. The wall was constructed in 1960 before the policy was implemented.

Rob Johnson

Mr. Johnson serves on the County Human Relations Commission in Senator Kelly Office. He asked us to share any concerns or issues that warrant attention, since he will be in the next election for Delegate 10th District.

Adjournment

With a motion, the meeting was adjourned around 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pearl Kirby