

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board

Meeting Number 29 (03-18)

March 5, 2018

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held at the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040.

Meeting Number 29 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of Meeting Number 28 were motioned for approval by Dion Guthrie and seconded by Ron Sollod. CAB members present were Paula R. Mullis, Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, James B. Lyons, III, Dion F. Guthrie and Ron Sollod. CAB members absent were Fran Salbeck and J.J. McQueen.

Special guests in attendance and community members who gave presentations included Bradley Killian, Planning and Zoning; Captain Donald Gividen, Sheriff's Office; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Donna Blasdell, Legislative Aide to Councilman Mike Perrone, Jr.; Sue Sapp, Council President Slutzky's Office; and Judy Rose, community member.

Sheriff's Office/Community Policing

Captain Gividen shared the community crime report for the Joppa/Joppatowne area, for the period February 4 to March 4, 2018. The top three calls for service:

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>
1. Suspicious Incidents	45	1. Suspicious Incidents	41
2. Alarm Calls	35	2. Alarm Calls	41
3. Animal Complaints	27	3. Thefts	25

Total Narcan use by Law Enforcement - 27, total fatal uses - 17, total non-fatal uses – 57, and total overdoses – 74.

Captain Gividen shared that he has been promoted, and he introduced his replacement, Captain Peter Georgiades, who will be giving the Sheriff's Office briefings for the CAB. Paula Mullis thanked Capt. Gividen for his support of the CAB and welcomed Capt. Geogiades to his new position.

Bradley Killian, Planning & Zoning Director

Mr. Killian said that a moratorium has been put in place for two elementary schools, Magnolia Elementary and Emmorton Elementary, due to increased enrollment. Enrollment at those schools exceeds 110

percent. No new projects can be approved in the area of those schools. However, 500 new units have already been approved and may be built. Killian mentioned that Harford County has a partnership with the University of Maryland which allows for development of projects throughout Maryland. Other questions were asked of Mr. Killian regarding projects that can be done in the Joppatowne area, such as a bicycle path. He was thanked for his presentation.

Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services

Ms. Bryant shared information concerning activities happening in the County. Community members were invited to see a play, Addicted, that will be presented at North Harford High School, Mt. Zion Baptist Church and John Carroll School. For more information, visit www.addictedtheplay.org. She also gave information about Harford County Arbor Day on March 30, and Harford Streams Open House. For more information call 410-638-3333. Ms. Bryant was thanked for her presentation.

Community Updates from CAB Members and Community Members

Dion Guthrie, Ron Sollod and Donna Blasdell attended a school safety meeting where there was a packed house with parents and other citizens who are concerned about the safety of their school children in our schools. A discussion was held concerning putting resource officers in each school. The Sheriff felt that this would be cost prohibited. Dion discussed dredging issues in the Joppatowne area, stating that the issues are the same as they were a few years ago. Like then, the work is not being completed and the County is not checking the work to verify that it's being done properly. Bayland Consultants, the group in charge of the dredging, did not properly do the job, and no one in authority checked it out.

Ron Sollod showed a DVD concerning the I-95 Express toll lanes. He wanted everyone to get a feel for how it's working. He also mentioned how busy the fire company has been this month. As usual, he gave updates on safety tips that are very useful for the community.

James B. Lyons, III shared the expansion that is going on with the three fire houses. He mentioned that because of the larger areas there will be space for more training. There will also be nicer areas to sleep in as well as larger kitchens. He stated that the property of the Edgewood station is leased from the Army and will be free until 2040.

Paula Mullis learned that the medical marijuana permit for the store in Joppatowne area was approved over a year ago and no information was shared with the community. Many found this to be a showing of disrespect for our community. She also shared briefly her attendance at the Andy Harris town hall meeting. Many protesters were in attendance.

Adam Shellenbarger mentioned activities that will be held in the coming months at Joppatowne H.S. as well as his church. He encouraged community members to attend the activities and support our students.

Community member, Judy Rose, shared information from the public meeting concerning I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northbound Extension. She also said that the construction work on Joppa Farm Road was not done well. Further work will be done shortly to complete the job.

Doris Carey shared some of the hot topics from Harford Community College. HCC hosted Project Homeless Connect on January 23 in the APGFCU Arena, and many employees volunteered their time to help. At the event, 550 individuals facing homelessness received services; 165 individuals received dental care; and 114 individuals received vision care. In addition, several hundred individuals received health screenings, flu shots, and follow-up appointments for medical needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary