

Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board

Meeting Number 31 (05-18)

May 7, 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 31 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chairperson Paula Mullis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of Meetings Number 29 and 30 were motioned for approval by Gloria Moon and seconded by Dion Guthrie. CAB members present were Paula R. Mullis, Gloria Moon, Doris G. Carey, Fran Salbeck, J.J. McQueen, James B. Lyons, III, and Dion F. Guthrie. CAB member absent was Ron Sollod.

Special guests in attendance and community members who gave presentations included Captain Peter Geogiades of the Sheriff's Office; Sylvia W. Bryant, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services; Mike Perrone, County Councilman; Donna Blasdel, Legislative Aide to Councilman Perrone; and Adam Shellenbarger.

Sheriff's Office/Community Policing Report by Captain Perter Geogiades

Captain Geogiades shared "great news – crime went down." The community is doing its part by locking car doors. He wants community members to call his office if anything suspicious is seen in the neighborhood. He believes that theft is being done by mostly young people stealing from unlocked vehicles. He also shared that the top three calls for service were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>
1. Suspicious Persons/Incidents	56	1. Suspicious Persons/Incidents	50
2. Alarm Calls	41	2. Alarm Calls	47
3. Animal Complaints	24	3. Animal Complaints	29

Part 1 crimes which include homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft were down in every area. Captain Geogiades shared a brief video showing how important it is to keep your car doors locked. He also reported 141 total heroin overdoses. Narcan was used 45 times. There were 36 fatal overdoses and 105 non-fatal repeat overdoses.

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

Ms. Bryant shared many handouts on various programs being held in the County – programs such as Mediation Services for Families; Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Symposium; Running for

Recovery and many others. She also shared how the community can learn more information about these programs by calling 410-638-3381 or 410-638-4807. Additionally, information may be obtained by visiting the Harford County Government web site.

Dion Guthrie, CAB member, gave a brief update on dredging in Taylor Creek. It was reported that a trip was made on Taylor Creek with the Riverkeeper to check whether the dredging was done properly. The main channel was checked all the way out the railroad bridge and the dredging was done well. However, Dion reported that the dredging channel should be wider, because in a few years the sides will close in and require more dredging. The area from the main channel up to the condos is clearly in need of dredging and will be dredged this fall. Dion reported that the carnival raised a little less than \$10,000 this year. The weather was a factor. The carnival committee will receive about 20 percent of the gate. The budget for the parade is \$28,000. Five thousand came from the hotel tax. He emphasized that it is expensive to run a parade. The bands as well as salaries for the police must be paid from the money raised from the carnival. Dion reported that the 11th Annual Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day Parade will be held in Joppatowne on July 1, 2018 at 6 pm. The theme will be Mariners on Parade. A free concert will be held after the parade starting at 8 p.m. at Mariner Point Park Pavilion, 100 Kearney Drive, Joppatowne. Since the Board of Education meeting was being held at the same time as the CAB meeting, Dion gave a brief report for board member Jansen Robinson. He reported that finalists have been chosen for the superintendent of the school system. Finalists will be introduced to the community so community members can give their feedback to the school board.

County Councilman Mike Perrone, Jr. stated his report is bad news and most everyone else thinks so too. He believes that \$22 million for agriculture preservation is a total misappropriation of money. Times change and today there is a great need for safety, health costs, parks and many other areas of need in the County. Because of County restriction, money cannot be taken out of the budget and reallocated. He will propose an amendment to do other things with the money that can sit in a fund now and can be allocated later. State delegates need to get involved in the agriculture preservation process. Change the law, and reallocate the money. Councilman Perrone also gave an update on the Mountain Christian septic system. He said the church has basically been on a septic system and has applied to the State to have a private system on site. The County must work the system into its plan first. The plan is for both systems to work. There is a fear that something can go wrong, such as leaching into tributaries or into private wells. For MDE to start the review of the septic system, the County must put it in the Master Plan.

Community Updates from CAB Members and Community Members

James B. Lyons, III said that the fire company received \$500,000 from the County for enhancement of the firehouse on Hanson Road. He shared that there will be a larger space for training as well as a larger

kitchen and sleep area. He also mentioned that smoke detectors are working. If you have a need for a 10 year smoke alarm, give the firehouse a call. They have had over 1,500 ambulance runs, and EMS calls totaled around 3,800. There is a concern that when Harford Memorial Hospital is reconfigured there will be a further impact on ambulance and EMS transportation.

Adam Shellenbarger updated the community on a committee meeting of the Joppa Development and Heritage Corporation which will be on June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Joppatowne Christian Church. He thanked everyone who attended the Joppatowne H.S. musical and invited everyone to attend other programs that are very impressive at the school.

Paula Mullis thanked Gloria Moon for conducting the April CAB meeting. She also said that the community members are still trying to get the JROTC program for the J.H.S. Funding is not yet available for the program. J.J. McQueen mentioned that he still has an interest in issues with unsafe streets. If broken streets are in your neighborhoods give J.J. a call.

Gloria commented on Mike's proposed amendment to defund \$22 million from the ag land preservation program, stating that zoning is what was needed to preserve ag land years ago because it was being turned into developments. She stated that transfer of development rights (TDR) would have saved a lot of agricultural land by selling building rights on existing ag land on the open market. Those building rights would allow developers to buy the right to build instead of giving them that right under current zoning laws for the cost of rezoning (\$800 per parcel no matter how many extra houses could be built).

The May meeting of the JJCAB was motioned for adjournment promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Doris G. Carey, Secretary