

Agenda:

- Welcome, agenda review, introduction (Erica Hoffman)
- City issues update-**Mayor Josh Cohen**
- WAES School Construction Update-**Larry Alberts R.A. Senior Manager Architecture, AACPS**

- Traffic concerns related to school construction and update on Forbes St. Issue, **Lisa Grieco, Civil Engineer, City of Annapolis, Lisa Grieco LMGrieco@annapolis.gov**
- Trash and environmental concerns, **Maria Broadbent and Jeanna Beard, Environmental Programs, City of Annapolis MBroadbent@annapolis.gov, jbeard@annapolis.gov**

- Mosquito Control spraying discussion and vote (Erica Hoffman)
- West Annapolis Business Association events Update (Erica Hoffman)
- Committee Report Outs (committee chairs)

9:00 adjourn

School Schematic Drawing on WAES Website:

<http://www.aacps.org/applications/billboardmanager/westanes/upload/WAESCommMtg-022912.pdf>

Meeting Notes:

Josh Cohen , Mayor Q&A:

- Budget Meeting - April 30, 7pm city council chambers, get your voice heard.
- **Key Budget issues:**
 - Rainy day fund – to smooth out paying vendors. Was depleted and trying to rebuild.
 - 10 million surplus want to get up to 20 million so don't have to take out line of credit
 - Water and sewer – everyone paying higher rates. Was not keeping pace in past years with actual cost
 - 50 million water treatment plant, critical need
 - City sidewalks (1cent increase on taxes to bring in 600000 yr to help pay for this)
 - Underfunding in past for a lot of obligations that we need to fund
 - 50,000 to design study for west Annapolis in the proposed budget – City recognizes this is an area that could really benefit from revitalization.
- **City dock and downtown revitalization**
 - Heart of Annapolis that carries over into the rest of Annapolis
 - Appointed committee - came up with proposal to help revitalize, need comprehensive plan
 - Hired top consulting team to help figure this out and gather input from city at large
 - Playground for community
 - Small space-
 - Move playground --City council Voted 6 to 3 , mayor opposed. Goes back to board of education May 2, 2012
- Related Garage –
 - City has to rebuild Hillman garage –take 12-16 months
 - Challenge to some of the business downtown. Some believe that it will cause business to fail if not enough parking.
 - Downtown – should it be automobile centric or not – need community based decision around this

Questions Asked:

- BGE did not patch their work well in West Annapolis after City had just completed sidewalk work. (Maria Broadbent, from the city mentioned she would look into this.)

- **Garbage collection**
 - Current plan –once a week trash pickup
 - Cost savings –numerous
 - Bates Recycling to continue
 - Instead of quarterly bulk pickup, will move to on demand pickup for bulk items –put out with trash
 - Recycle more and less disposal

Naval Academy waste water

- Negotiations with them to work out a deal and is going well.

Larry Alberts -- senior architect for schools

Rick Jones – Also taking community questions. rjones@aacps.org

- **Current order of school Construction:**
 1. Lothian
 2. Rolling knolls
 3. West Annapolis
 4. Severna Park
 - 2016 target date – depends on budget hearings May 9th and 14th. Look at www.aacps.org for latest updates and architectural drawings, etc.
 - How we put together projects
 - Started 1 yr ago.
 - Approved last June
 - Formed committee
 - Feasibility study
 - 3-4 month period for options
 - Patch paint, do nothing, renovation, modernization, prototype
 - They chose modernization
 - Issues around site being so small
 - Normally do 6,000 sq ft
 - After care space 2400
 - Bring back ECI program

- Committee chose to forgo large gym, after care and ECI space. Nothing change except adding pre-K (intended for poverty stricken)
- Code requirements kindergarten, 1st grade must be ground floor
- March 7 - schematic design to board
- 2 class rooms for every grade (small increase in students will be going away)
- 314 students
- Will have gym and separate cafeteria
- Can use gym, café, media room as public space
- Larger classrooms, follow state guidelines X feet per student

- Every classroom will have its own bathroom
- 2 story and split foyer demolished
- Single story will remain
- New health room
- Not planning on it be block type building
- Reduced height , more windows.
- Take over blacktop and tennis courts
- Courtyard between gym and kindergarten area
- (1st and kindergarten will play there)
- Grass area stays
- Playground code changes every 3 yrs
- Plan for future—don't expect our school to change in terms of number of kids
- Critical area – imperviable surface
- Looking into how to sound proof AC units and hide trash
- When it happens depends on getting funding
- entrance -- off of Melvin
 - ADA accessibility
 - Bus access
 - New traffic patterns—talking to city about this
 - Also working with critical areas
 - grading was issue determined entrance
 - Outdoor space dramatically smaller
- Action items - Erica put together comprehensive list of community concerns
- Get word out to neighbors so we get all the feedback upfront.

Lisa Grieco, imgrieco@annapolis.gov, City of Annapolis public works

- Traffic concerns about WAES traffic patterns
 - City has just begun to look into this issue
 - Our traffic committee – best way to funnel concerns to the city
- **Forbes-** one way request
 - met with Cove and residents and business
 - making one way was not a solution
 - replaced signs –reflective, police enforcement
 - for any issue better getting everyone in community behind it
- **Tucker** – people speeding. Contact Police
 - Deadend sign needs to be looked into
- Melvin and Ridgely (Ridgely is a state road) state on intersection
- Pedestrian only has right away if they are in cross walk -- should not leave safety of curb if not able to cross giving cars ability to stop
- Crossing guard through police dept. –check with them

Maria Broadbent, *City of Annapolis Environmental Programs*

- Trash
- sent letters to people to have trees evaluated – concerns before hurricane

- big trees cut a lot of houses in half
- have your trees checked out
- issue permits
- license rental properties
- property maintenance (are they keeping up with the code) -- commercial trash collection
- concerns about trash blowing out, littering

Jeanna Beard, City of Annapolis Environmental Programs

- Last year gave businesses reminder
- Rite Aid – construction blowing out of dumpster
 - citation until march 15 to abate –cleanup and pay fine
 - go to district court
- Naval bagels - citation –abated and fine waived
- Bella Italia – correction notice . close dumpster. Talk to dumpster company
- Chinese restaurant -- cleanest. The wind carries it onto their property
- They clean it up but its blowing from other businesses
- Academy cleaners – citation this month –failure to remove uncontained trash. Need lid on other half of dumpster.

- Correction notice
- Citation with fine
- Go to court if don't abate and pay
- Court typically doubles fine and requires abatement.
- Court issue contempt and have the city abate it --
- Owner of property is responsible.. can work with agent or business or property owner.
- School dumpster is moving outward into street
- --Maria will follow-up on
- bank with foreclosure house – willing to donate money to help with appearance of school dumpster area
- boats dumping in creek issue
- school and Regina's empty dumpster at 5am or earlier –noisy
- (trash collection has time limit)
- bamboo—goes from one property to next
- --trying to way to enforce but did not pass
- --1st step talk to your neighbor
- school got grant
- green patrol –keeping grounds clean
- add recycling and trash
- will do annual neighborhood cleanup

Mosquito Spray

- larvacide is automatic
- spray requires request
- pesticide – all information
- tiger mosquitoes are container breeders .
- catnip and catnip oil

West Annapolis Business Association Events

Cinco de mayo festival ---support our local businesses.

May basket contest May 1st

June 23rd paris flee market

Sept 23rd – Octoberfest

Dec 15 it's a wonderful life shopping

Had MD heritage event –

2015 – 300th anniversary of John Norwood – need volunteers

West Annapolis Art Action–Fri May 4th – Chesapeake bay foundation –

Chip Seymour - Neighbor watch announcement

- break-ins from year ago
- Act on the watch ideas paper (on west Annapolis website)
- They caught the guy who was doing break-ins
- Keep cars in driveway—if can –keep car out of harms way.
- Know your neighbors, help our neighbors –pickup neighbors mail when away.
- Can put house on frequent watch list if going away.
- Don't open door until see outside
- Call 410-268-4141—city dispatcher

No traffic

Social—meeting june 1st weekend?? At ??? --plan around full moon

Make membership easier. Drop envelope with newsletter and registration or do it on website.

Need people to stepup and contribute. Everyone is really busy but we need more involvement to accomplish some of our goals.

Nancy Lindley– resigned –open spot on board. Member at large- just participate in board meetings or represent west Annapolis at other meetings

--Lorna Cockrell was voted in.