

ARPOA Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016 7 p.m.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck (Hillsmere) Library

Community comment period

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Present: President Bodor , Vice President Connerney, Secretary Nicholson Treasurer Hoffman, Directors: Linda Dodge, Andrew Hemminger, Jill Mandel, Amy Steindler, Jere Glover, Rob Greve, and Brian Hanley

Approval of Agenda: All in favor

Approval of prior meeting minutes: All in favor

Reports of the Officers:

President – For the period March 1 thru April 9 - Communication on traffic mitigation appeal was included in recent Community Updates. There have been some hearings (2) and 5 more will now extend to July. The next is April 12, then May, June and July dates. EDU for sewer for the Key development has been revised from 3 to 10 EDUs. Upon expert review, there is no need to ARPOA to appeal. Key will be required to pay \$8,000 per EDU (3 EDUs wouldn't not have required analysis or payment, but 10 does). Key is trying to get around the \$80,000 fee that the majority of developers pay on the grounds that religious institutions do not have to pay the development impact fee.

In late February landscapers for a private homeowner were cutting vegetation along the beach on Carrollton Road on ARPOA property and without permission. This is not the first time that this has happened and as the landowner ARPOA is liable. I contacted the County code enforcement, and the inspector was notified that a private resident was responsible for the illegal action. No fine is being levied at this time. ARPOA will notify adjacent landowners that they are not permitted to landscape on ARPOA property.

There have been some complaints about proper placement of signs around the neighborhood. ARPOA recently notified residents of the appropriate placement of signs. Any apparent violations of the code can be reported to the Code Enforcement department of the County Planning and Zoning office. Trespassing and theft of private property should not be tolerated and the police should be notified of any illegal activities related to this issue.

Vice President – No report.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer

Approval of Treasurer's Report – All in favor. 1 abstained.

Old Business

Property Code Enforcement – County Zoning: County Response – Directors Rob Greve and Linda Dodge – Board was approached by an Old Bay Ridge homeowner about a property that was not being maintained. AA County Code enforcement officer visited the property and saw no actionable violations. The County is still looking into the property and potential violations – there may be public health issues. Board suggested that Directors Greve and Dodge draft a generic letter to the homeowners. The issue was raised about the “slippery slope” of what constituted a maintenance/code violation issue and the Board's role in reporting potential violations to the County. Residents can report potential violations at any time themselves. Action Item: Director Greve to follow-up.

Yard Signs – Covered under President's report.

New Business - None.

Public Works Director Report - Steve Stroetzel -

TREES: Two standing dead trees were dropped and cut up in Ogleton Woods near the residence of Jill Mandel. Three large trees were dropped and cut up in Ogleton Woods near the Lilly Driveway on Ogleton Road. Public Works Director cut and cleared large downed tree across Access Road at Beach Overlook.

ARPOA ROADS: Met with resident Dave Bastian on Claibourne Road on concern of sink hole near the edge of his driveway. A small hole has started and I will monitor periodically. Evaluated Claibourne Circle and paving repair work needs to be done. Lyon Drive Circle: The circle needs to be made smaller due to large vehicles running over the edges and causing ruts and replaced with asphalt. I have been playing phone tag with Cooper Paving to give us an additional price and piggy-back on the approved other paving projects. Met with resident Jill Mandel on concern of drainage at the first entrance of Queen Anne Circle. Infrastructure needs to be cleared and filled in with proper drainage i.e., rocks. Will get pricing.

COUNTY ROADS: County sign was changed at the intersection of Green Willow and Harbor. The Green Willow sign has been changed to blue to indicate private road. Sign has not been changed at the intersection of Old Bay Ridge and Lakeview. Will follow-up.

DRAINAGE AND EASEMENT: Need to give a response back to resident Tom Tolman on Queen Anne Circle concerning drainage reported in February PWD report. **Motion:** To allow parking pad improvement to proceed. All in favor. This will go thru the County permitting process. County approval for parking pad and cost of improvements to be borne by Mr. Tolman. Mr. Tolman will notify Board before starting work.

PUBLIC WORKS LIASON: Met with board director Jill Mandel and we drafted up a comprehensive list of projects and concerns and Jill submitted to the Board for review.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Attended the Landscape Committee meeting and reviewed “slice and dice” project; Community Clean-up Day; Front Entrance Clean-up; Lyons Drive Circle. Still need to have an on-site meeting with Nancy to go over specific details. **Motion:** To allow Maple Valley to proceed with spring maintenance for convenience. All in favor. *PWD to meet with Nancy to develop on scope of work to get bids from a couple landscaping firms so that a contract will be in place this spring for the fall.*

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP: Roughly a dozen people spent a windy, chilly morning at the Overlook: Cleaned May Apple Woods; Cleaned-up trash and debris off the beach; Cleaned, cleared and mulched the gardens at the Overlook; General cleaning of the slope side.

PORTA-POTTY: Was placed at Overlook (location and possibly a screen was discussed with Landscape committee.). Was also delivered down to Boat Ramp.

YARD WASTE: A resident informed me that yard waste was being dumped on ARPOA property down at the end of Old Bay Ridge/Pumping Station. The resident wants to coordinate a volunteer clean-up day. Need the Board's input.

OPERATION CLEARWATER: Are we still going to participate? **Consensus:** Yes!

COUNTY DUMPSTERS: Received the contract for County Dumpsters to be delivered on Friday, June 10 by 12 noon and picked up Saturday June 11 by 8:00 am.

My personal feeling is that we are going to have these dumpsters for less than 24 hours and sometimes they drop them off earlier and pick them up later. The beach overlook area has been reserved for a very large party on Saturday June 11. This could cause a conflicting problem. If we decide to sign the contract, I will let the county know that they need to be picked up by 8:00 am on Saturday. So ARPOA is only going to post the time from 12 noon to 8:00 pm on Friday for residents use. **Consensus:** Dumpster will be Friday from noon until 8 p.m. **Action Item:** Comms committee to send a community update.

ARPOA PROPERTY ENCROACHMENT: A Stop Work Order was posted by a County Inspector for unauthorized clearing and cutting of vegetation in critical area on ARPOA property. President Tom Bodor was notified. A notice and warning was submitted back to ARPOA from the County. No further action needs to be taken. The above work was not approved or authorized by any ARPOA representative.

Locking gate at Overlook: Due to trespassing, sexual activity and dumping at the Overlook, the “upper” gate to the Overlook will remain locked except for reserved Overlook activities. A key will be held by: Director Dodge (Public Safety Liaison), President Bodor, PWD Stroetzel, ARPOA off duty AA County police (security) and the port-o-potty guy.

Forest Steward Report - Doug Minion – BGE performed tree trimming in OW without notifying ARPOA. Secretary Nicholson talked with BGE and they have advised that ARPOA should post signs with contact information (probably the info@ email address) on the utility poles.

Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation Liaison – Anastasia Hopkinson – Advised the Board of upcoming stormwater presentation, and the ANPF fundraiser. This information can be posted directly to the new website by Anastasia to inform the community the community in a timely manner.

Public Safety Liaison – Linda Dodge, Director - In addition to information that has been provided via community updates I offer the following:

ARPOA's AA County PD Contracted Officers:

- provided routine patrol of the roadways, parking areas, dock area, and weather permitting, the Overlook, pathways, and beach; as well as stationary positioning near the front of the community to reduce speeding through active and passive enforcement;
- executed traffic stops as appropriate;
- Nick Klapaska made a follow up visit to a resident on Carrollton due to a prior incident. The resident had called 9-1-1 for assistance when several individuals were knocking at her door around 0400 on the Saturday before Easter demanding the resident open the door. The resident indicated she believed the folks were under the influence. County PD responded as the dispatcher remained on the line with the resident until police arrived. The response was 4.5 minutes – a commendable response time. No report was filed due to lack of damage and other circumstances. Officers believe it was a situation where the individuals were at the “wrong address;”
- The Friday before Easter, there was a disturbance at the Overlook parking lot which included shouts for help and knock at the door. The resident adjacent to the overlook parking lot called 9-1-1. Vehicles departed before officers arrived. A formal report was filed;
- An individual was discovered at the beach. She refused to give the officer her full name. She became argumentative when asked to leave. She indicated she knew at least a 100 people in AR. The officer asked her to name one resident. When she did the officer went to that resident to confirm the non-residents identify. The resident did indicate knowledge of the individual. The officer asked that the resident inform the non-resident that she could be on community property (beach, overlook, or dock) only in the company of a resident;
- There have been reports of youths using the Overlook and Overlook parking lot for “romantic” pursuits. These individuals have been determined to be non-residents of the community.
- There were several complaints regarding the aftermath of youth apparently shooting BB guns at property.

These events have coincided with spring breaks, and winters end and are typical of similar springs. However, if the message doesn't get back to the Public Safety Liaison, we can't ask our AA Co. contract officers to follow up with the resident about the incident, to gain information, or to determine if there is any link or developing trend.

Nick Klapaska, AA County Police and project manager for the ARPOA contracted officers has located a speed gun for the exclusive use of officers patrolling Annapolis Roads. The gun will be calibrated and serviced by Anne Arundel County PD and will be maintained in the manner of County purchased speed guns. Nick was able to locate a used speed gun for approximately \$600.00 less than the Board approved as a maximum without revisiting the cost.

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 any time they feel unsafe or threatened due to another's action. ***Additionally, if that concern is not shared with me as Public Safety Liaison, it will be difficult to provide follow-up visits or to share with the community.*** The officers continue to indicate that the Annapolis Roads Community is one of the best communities in the AA County.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Amy Steindler, Director – The new website has been launched and a number of residents are experiencing login issues. Amy and Geri are working with Lisa to get folks registered and to try to resolve the issue that seems to be an artifact of the migration to the new site.

Dock – Harry Tabak – Clean-up was March 26th. New canoe and paddle board rack was constructed. Stickers have been issued for the 2016 season and the registration form is on the website. A few non-registered boats are on the racks. The committee has a Paddle Day scheduled for May 25th.

Long Range Planning Committee – Andrew Hemminger/Sarah Bodor – No report

Landscape and Overlook - Nancy Moitrier – Provided electronically prior to meeting -

ARPOA Landscape/Overlook Committee Meeting, March 14, 2016. In attendance: Nancy Moitrier, Chair, Jill Mandel, Joanna Hopkinson, Larry Brantley, Monica Maynard, Steve Stroetzel, Public Works Director, Rob Greve, Board Member.

Overlook clean-up: The annual Overlook and beach clean-up will take place on the morning of Saturday March 26, with a rain date of Saturday, April 2.

Possible mini-grant to plant eroding path: Concern was expressed about people not wanting to take a detour to get to the beach. Monica will check with Kacey Wetzel at Chesapeake Bay Trust about whether we can stabilize the current path with structural reinforcements to stop the erosion, rather than moving the path.

New benches: It has been observed that the newly acquired benches placed around the community are less comfortable than the previously installed ones at the Overlook. The difference: The seat of all the new ones is level or very close to level. The previously installed and more comfortable ones have a drop from the front edge of the seat to the back of between 1 3/8 to 1 7/8 inches. That small drop makes the sitter feel cradled.

Front entrance signage: In the near future when weather permits, the committee will convene at the front entrance to mount on posts a cardboard mock-up of a new oval entrance sign with larger lettering. We will further discuss ideas for the new wall and entrance sign. Nancy will convey the size of the sign to be accommodated on the entrance wall to the Landscape Architect before he presents a third and final draft proposal.

Garden at Lyon Drive triangle: Steve says trash trucks and other large vehicles knock over posts with no concern. But if large boulders are placed, the large vehicles avoid them because the boulders will cause damage to the vehicle. He advocates place a large rounded boulder on each corner.

ARPOA Landscape/Overlook Committee Meeting, April 4, 2016. In attendance: Nancy Moitrier, Chair, Jill Mandel, Joanna Hopkinson, Larry Brantley, Monica Maynard, Andrew Hemminger, Board Member, Rob Greve, Board Member

Overlook Clean-up: Nancy thanked everyone for helping to make the Overlook/beach clean-up a success.

Design of entrance wall and sign: We have come to the end of the design process. Nancy presented the third and final design proposal from landscape architect (LA). He would like to hear our decision ASAP, so he can provide construction drawings to complete his work for us. The committee could not reach a consensus on which design to recommend to the Board, and so the committee forwards the LA's 2nd design proposal along with the two variations of the 3rd proposal to the Board for their consideration and action.

Committee membership: Joanna Hopkinson resigned from the committee. We are grateful for her contributions to the committee's work, and hope she will continue to share her time and talents for the benefit of the community in other ways.

Social – Joan Verbeck – May 14 community bike ride.

Watershed – Bonnie Persinger – Absent. No report.

Welcome –Carolynn Goldberg – 1 new member was welcomed.

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.