

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 15, 2009

Members Present:	Rich Norling, Chairman	Guests: Courtney Cromwell
	Charles Day, Vice Chairman	Ernie Crist
	Jim Murphy	Brendan Patton
	Stephen Smith	Merrie Street
	Donald Thomas	Sgt. Kevin Thomas
	Alan Thompson	
	Shirley Thompson	

Rich Norling called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

The March minutes were approved with one correction: The barn on 155 that will be painted to read Harford County Maryland Grown is the Hopkins barn. The Bachman barn is on the Western side of the county and it will also be painted if funding permits.

Government Updates:

Sheriff's Representative Sgt. Kevin Thomas – The March report for Sector 100 shows total calls about the same (852 compared to 860) as the same time period in 2008. Calls increased in Sector 90, but decreased in Sector 60.

Guest Presentation: Conowingo Dam – Merrie Street presented a short informative video about Conowingo Dam and presented updates. The new dam manager was unable to attend. Octoraro Creek was recently stocked with 400 rainbow trout by DNR. A new company has been hired to manage the swimming pool this summer, resulting in a reduction in prices for use of the pool. On April 16 traffic will be blocked on Shures Landing Road at the bottom of the hill for removal of a large tree. The existing Federal license for the dam was issued August 14, 1980 and it expires September 1, 2014. Exelon has filed pre-application documents with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for renewal of the license, and a copy of those documents is available for inspection at the Darlington library branch. FERC personnel will be in Darlington holding informational meetings on June 11 and 12.

Guest Presentation: Emergency Operations – Ernie Crist presented a thorough summary of emergency operations in Harford County. His office is responsible for emergency planning as well as operations. Due to limited funding the Harford County Emergency Calendar was not mailed to every household this year, but Ernie distributed those and other emergency preparedness documents at the meeting. The new emergency notification system has been used to contact members of the public in at least one recent incident near Darlington, and members discussed ways it could be improved. A breach of Conowingo Dam might affect low-lying parts of Havre de Grace, but would have minimal effect on Darlington or Dublin. If an emergency situation at the nuclear power plant were to necessitate evacuations, residents of the Darlington/Dublin area should drive to Harford Community College for triage and further directions.

Updates

1. **Aberdeen Water Permit** – No change.
2. **LNG Pipeline** – No change.
3. **Neighborhood Youth Panel** – No new cases.

Old Business

1. **Comprehensive Rezoning** – Planning & Zoning is holding public hearings to receive citizen input..
2. **Crosswalk on Route 161** – Jane Walker updated by email that State Highway Administration has promised to see what they can do to make the crosswalk more visible to traffic.
3. **New Members** – Courtney Cromwell indicated that she might be interested in becoming a member of the DDCC.
4. **Future Guests** – no new suggestions.

New Business

1. **Harley Davidson Zoning Appeal** – Charles Day reminded DDCC members that the rezoning of the rear portion of the Harley Davidson property from GI to B3 that was denied by the Zoning Hearing Examiner has been appealed to the County Council, which serves as the Zoning Appeals Board. The County Council is scheduled to hear arguments for and against the appeal on May 19, 2009.
2. **Fire Company Trees** – Donald Thomas advised that there are three very nice trees on the site of the new Dublin fire station (a blue spruce and two dogwoods). If the trees cannot be moved they will have to be destroyed to make way for the construction. After a discussion, the suggestion was made that Harford County Parks & Recreation might have a tree space that could move the trees to a suitable location in a county park.

Good of the Council

~Charles Day announced that Crouse Construction will be moving its business headquarters from the current location on Route 1 to a location in Aberdeen. The location on Route 1 will be the new headquarters of Harford Sanitation Service.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2009 at 7PM at the Wilson Community Center

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Norling