

Fallston Community Council Meeting Notes January 26, 2010

Attendees: Don McCreesh, Dave Williams, Andy Amasia, George Twigg, Joyce Eaton, Dina Miller, Andy Pisano, Morita Bruce

Guests (and organization represented): Joe Woods (County Council District B), Jane Walker (County Executive's office), Derek Hopkins, Cindy Mumby, Sue Detherage

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Don McCreesh. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. FCC meetings for 2010 will be held March 23, May 25, September 28 and November 23.

Sheriff's Office

Community Policing information (crime reports) are available on the web, including reports for the previous 6 months.

State & County Government

Jane Walker reminded everyone to please fill out the census form when it arrives, as it means significant money for the county. The Fallston Activity Center will open on July 1st but because of budget problems it will only be open part time. Joe Pfaff is retiring in February but a replacement has not yet been chosen.

Councilman Joe Woods provided his phone numbers: office phone is 410-638-3520, cell is 410-877-5334 (leave a message). His term as Fallston Fire Chief is about to expire, and the new chief will be Will Rosenberg, former EMS Chief. Councilman Woods is working on amendments to the Transportation Element Plan; his priorities are keeping this area rural, not expanding our area's roads into Baltimore County, and insuring that when major road intersections are upgraded the traffic control devices are coordinated with the EMS/fire departments to improve safety when these vehicles are responding to emergencies.

Guest Speaker

Cindy Mumby described how Harford will change from a 7-person appointed school board to a board that (by 2014) will consist of 3 appointed members and 6 elected members, one from each councilmanic district. In 2010, council districts A, B and D will be elected, 2 new appointments will be made and 1 current appointee will remain; in 2014, council districts C, E and F will elect board members and all 3 appointed positions will be filled. All appointments are made by the governor. All terms will be 4 years.

Ms. Mumby encouraged anyone interested in being on the board to run for office. Qualifications are: Must live in the district you represent, must have been a registered voter for the past 3 years, and not be employed by HCPS while on the board. More information is available from Jim Massey at the Board of Elections, 410-809-6001, or at www.harfordcountymd.gov/elections. Although the positions are nonpartisan, the primary election will determine which two candidates to forward into the general election.

She noted that school board members are unpaid, nonpartisan, and typically spend less than \$1,000 per candidate per election.

The board has no taxing authority but does establish policy, budget priorities, curriculum, and deal with personnel issues. She noted that school funding consumes more than half of Harford's total budget, because education is very important. The school board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, and meetings are televised on HCN and rerun the following Tuesday night. See www.hcps.org for details.

New Business & Community Updates

Dave Williams: The Route 1 ridge is back to 4 lanes, but the fire department still has concerns about the current road alignment. Final status is unknown.

Andy Amasia: Jane Walker already gave the FAC information.

Morita Bruce: Councilman Woods already discussed the Transportation Element Plan.

Andy Pisano, Transportation:

Resurfacing projects: Pleasantville Road (High Point to Balt. County Line), Greene Road (MD165 - Baltimore County Line), Schuster Road (MD165 – MD23), Monte Ave, Stewart Drive, Jenny Lane & Ambridge Road.

Reconstruct portion of Vale Rd.-924 to Red Pump, curb and gutter designed summer project sidewalks and pedestrian improvements etc.

Watervale Bridge Project - Temporary bridge complete. Construction spring 2011. It will be a 2 lane bridge.

Carrs Mill Rd bridge replacement near triangle- Just past the red house on Carrs Mill. Replacing culvert with a bridge, currently under scheduled for 2012 2013

Walmart construction – Walmart has all permits and has started preliminary foundation work.

Oakmont extension to Brandywine - Budget for this year was cut. Expect to put \$75,000 into 2012 budget for design.

Andy Pisano, Water & Sewer: A private entity will extend water and sewer lines to the northwest corner business property at RT 1 and 152 in accordance with county specifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm, Fallston VFD meeting room

Submitted by Morita Bruce and Don McCreesh