



**THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**

February 22, 2022

**Forest Hill/Hickory Activities Center 2213 Commerce Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050**

**Members & Representatives in Attendance**

Thom Ellenbecker – Acting Chair, Secretary, Board Member

Nancy Reynolds – Board Member

Elena Skittle-Watson – Board Member

Cathy Ohler – Board Member

Tom Miller – Board Member

Chad Shrodes – Harford County Council Member

Larry Richardson – Policy Director for Office of the County Executive Barry Glassman

Capt. Robert Royster – Division Commander, Northern Precinct, Harford County Sheriff's Office

Aurora Kahoe - Legislative Aide to Council Member Shrodes

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by acting Chairperson Thom Ellenbecker at 7:04 pm.

November minutes were read and accepted.

A crime report for Forest Hill was presented by Capt. Robert Royster for the past month.

- Crime continues to be down
- Traffic accidents steady for the Forest Hill area but crashes are up at the county and state levels overall. Because of this, traffic enforcement increasing and should be expected. The recent fatal accident on the bypass was noted.
- The majority of calls for service remain alarm calls and animal complaints.
- A recent burglary was reported, but was a known person of the victim.
- Reminder to lock cars and don't leave valuables in the car visible that might invite crime.

The possibility of a Forest Hill Community Hero award was discussed to highlight unsung heroes within the community at a local level. Notes from this discussion will be fleshed out into a prototype of a proposed award presented in the March meeting.

Other updates from officials & upcoming events

- A Development Advisory Committee meeting covered the Forest Hill Estates proposal on Rock Spring Road and Hwy 23 occurred on 2/16. The need for screening and a fence to separate the subdivision from the church-owned playground was identified.

- There will be an upcoming DAC meeting on 3/2 for mini storage, convenience store, gas station, car wash, along with 2 other commercial lots at “Your Space at Five43” at 543 & Rt. 1
- Women of Tomorrow nominations are being accepted through Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Several important pieces of legislation supported by the Maryland Commission for Women is working through the state capital, including peace orders protecting women from spouses and improved protections for sex trafficking of children under 15.

Meeting adjourned by Acting Chairperson Thom Ellenbecker at 8:32PM.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7pm. By request, we will seek to return to holding this meeting at Advent Lutheran Church 2230 Rock Spring Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050, pending their acceptance of again hosting this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Thom Ellenbecker

The Forest Hill Community Advisory Board is a forum for the area residents to inform the Office of the County Executive on matters of interest and/or concern within the Forest Hill community. This Board will host regularly scheduled public meetings that educate attending residents on local government services, plans and initiatives, along with various state agencies and other organizations. All meetings are open to the public. Resident involvement is critical to the success of this community board!

Forest Hill Community Advisory Board Members:

Bernard Schweigman II – Acting Chairperson  
Thom Ellenbecker – Secretary  
Tom Miller  
Catherine Ohler  
Nancy Reynolds  
Elena Skittle-Watson  
Daniel Sekowski  
Sherri Wiczorkowski

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