



THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

Advent Lutheran Church 2230 Rock Spring Rd. 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

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 7:05 pm.

February minutes were read and accepted.

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

- 3 recent burglaries are being investigated including 1 for the theft of scrap metal
- Traffic is greatest hazard with crashes up 50% y/y in Forest Hill
- DUI's are also peaking with 24 recent DUI arrests in the county
- Northern Precinct officers were involved in 2 high-speed vehicle chases, 1 of which had to be called off because of unsafe speeds.
- Generally crime has remained low, with calls for service down 27% y/y.
- Please keep out for suspicious activities in parking lots – thefts from vehicles and thefts of dirt bikes were recently reported and is an ongoing risk.

Our guest speaker, Debbie Hardy, a victim advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) shared her personal story of the daily devastation she still faces after her daughter was killed by a drunk driver 6,722 days ago.

- The Harford County chapter of MADD is active within the VA / WV / DE / PA / MD Mid-Atlantic region of MADD.
- When finally arrested for impaired driving, most admit to driving under a similarly impaired state at least 80 other times before actually being caught.
- Drunk driving remains an epidemic - Every 2 minutes an impaired driver injury someone in the US and causes a new death every 52 minutes

- As a victim advocate, Debbie meets with victims, with community and with drunk drivers in treatment. Turning Corners, was noted as a well-run treatment program in Harford County.

A copy of the citizen hero award proposal was shared with the board and provided to Larry Richardson to investigate if this is permissible under the CAB's charter. The prototype award was given to Jim and Verna Liescheidt as proposed in the February meeting for "so many years of giving of yourself, your time and your talents in the service to those in need both within the Advent Lutheran Church congregation and throughout the Forest Hill Community."

Other updates from officials & upcoming events

Larry Richardson:

- Monday was crossover date at Annapolis with the session scheduled to end midnight on 4/11.
 - Growing support seen this session for the EMS Medicare Reimbursement Bill, increasing reimbursement levels for transport and adding reimbursement for call-outs that didn't end in transport.
 - Two versions of the Board of Education Elections bill exist, each version crossing over to the other side for reconciliation
- The consolidated transit plan request included Grafton Shop, which SHA has confirmed that they will be looking more at. The consolidated transit plan submitted by Harford County now shows the date of first request, noting Grafton Shop has been on the list since 2015.
- Harford County is seeking sports equipment donations: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3384/Sports-Equipment-Collection-Drive>
- Volunteers to plant trees for Arbor Day (4/15): <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3399/Arbor-Day>
- Youth and Family Resource Festival on 4/9: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3054/Youth-Family-Resource-Festival>
- Fourth Fridays continue at The Grove: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2799/The-Grove-at-Harford>

Aurora Kahoe:

- Chad is following-up on Advent Lutheran Church's fending request with the Forest Hills Estate subdivision.

Other:

- Community Input Meeting for Panorama Farms – 5/5 @ Jarrettsville Firehouse (subdivide lot into 2 additional lots)
- Community Input Meeting for Creekside (124 single family homes on Moores Mill Rd, north of Rt 22 in Bel Air) on 4/25 @ St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Meeting adjourned by Acting Chairperson Thom Ellenbecker at 8:18PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 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

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