

**FALLSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

Chairman Dave Williams called the meeting of the Fallston Community Advisory Board (Board), held at the Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company (FVFAC), to order at 6:35 p.m. Other Board members present were Larry Keckler, Morita Bruce and Joyce Eaton. Also present were Jessica Blake, representing Councilman Woods, Susan Sapp, representing the County Council, and John Richter, representing the County Executive.

Upon a motion by Joyce Eaton, the minutes of the May 22, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Williams announced the next meeting of the Board would be held November 27, 2018.

Chairman Williams, who is also Chief of the FVFAC provide an update on recent FVFAC activities.

1. There is a current urgent situation with a small dam in the 2500 block of Claret Drive that is in danger of breaching, due to the unusual amount of rainfall this year. The property owner, along with the FVFAC and several government agencies, has been working on a plan to resolve the situation. The plan includes three phases of action; (a) reduce the water level, (b) execute a controlled breach, and (c) return the area to its natural state. It is estimated that the plan will be fully completed by March of 2019.
2. The FVFAC is expected to soon approve the purchase of a new ambulance and a new tanker truck. The ambulance is approximately 10 years old and the tanker is over 20 years old.
3. October is fire prevention month. The FVFAC will have an open house on October 6.
4. And FVFAC member was recently deployed to North Carolina to assist with flood rescue and evacuation due to the aftermath of hurricane Florence.

John Richter reported the following:

1. The number of calls for the County medic unit are increasing, averaging approximately 35 – 40 per week. Three new paramedics are being hired to keep the unit fully staffed.
2. County residents can now sign-up for Parks and Rec activities online.
3. Mental health safety classes are scheduled for September 26 and October 3.

4. Another "Prepare Because You Care" class will be scheduled for shortly after the new year.

Jessica Blake reported the following:

1. To date there has been no County Council decision as to the proposed pyrolysis plant in Joppa. (NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting the County Council rejected the proposal.)
2. A developer is proposing the construction of low income apartments at Benson Corner, diagonally across from the Maryland State Police barrack at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 147. Councilman Woods plans to oppose the project because there is no transit service in that area, it is already a highly congested intersection, and it backs up to a community park.

Susan Sapp provided a schedule of County Council legislative sessions and highlights of the three previous sessions, and also a schedule of public hearings for various proposed regulations and bills. A copy is attached to these minutes.

There was a general discussion about the old Bel Air Auction property on Route 1 in Bel Air. A developer is proposing a mixed use for the property including apartment villas, a convenience store, retail space and office space. A public hearing will be held October 2 at the Abingdon Library.

It was discussed that the County will soon open a 24/7 Crisis Center in one of the former Bel Air Auction buildings on the north side of Route 1.

Upon a motion by Morita Bruce, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.