



THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD Minutes

November 24, 2020

Advent Lutheran Church, 2230 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill

Members & Representatives in Attendance

Bernie Schweigman – Chairperson

Thom Ellenbecker - Secretary

Cathy Ohler – Board Member

Nancy Reynolds – Board Member

Elena Skittle-Watson – Board Member

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

Carl Brooks – Captain, Northern Precinct, Harford County Sheriff's Office

Aurora Kahoe – Legislative Aide to Councilman Shrodes

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bernie Schweigman at 7:09 pm.

October minutes read-in by Thom Ellenbecker and accepted.

A crime report for Forest Hill was presented by Captain Brooks for the period of Oct/Nov 2020 2020.

- Call volumes were consistently lower vs the same period a year prior (Burglary down 67%, Theft down 43%)
- Recent incident of a domestic-related murder-suicide on Ogden Mill Rd
- Mask / capacity enforcement of Bel Air bars and restaurant is likely from a State Police Task Force based upon comments by the Governor. Harford County Sheriff's Office has established guidelines on how it will respond to mask complaints that have been disclosed publicly: not responding to complaints of gatherings at homes, will respond to complaints by businesses to provide education and possibly enforce trespassing charges, will refer complaints about businesses to the Health Department.

Guest Speaker: None / Unable to attend

County updates – Larry Richardson, Policy Director for Harford County's Office of the County Executive

- Harford county and rural areas are experiencing a spike in COVID cases and continuing to work issues of people and businesses needing assistance. Please reach out with any issues of unemployment claims or other: 410-274-5733.
- Question of why parks and rec cancelled soccer tournaments and how can this be avoided for spring/summer - for which Larry said this was a recommendation of the health department after observing people not following instructions for social distancing at previous games, the rapidity of increases in numbers, and the number of athletes and families coming from out of state for this tournament designating the tournament as

high risk. Committed to gather and share more information. Noted parks are still open for socially distanced activities.

- COVID moneys not distributed by the end of 2020 must still be returned (Cares funds).
- The Grove is still open despite activity closures.
- Harford County Animal Shelter had to close due to Covid-19 cases among staff, hoping to be back open after Thanksgiving. If need to surrender pet or turn in a stray, please call Animal Control.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Bernie Schweigman at 8:02 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7pm – virtual 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 - Chairperson
Thom Ellenbecker - Secretary
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