



THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

Harford Vineyard and Winery - 1311 Jarrettsville Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050

Members & Representatives in Attendance

Bernie Schweigman – Acting Chair, Board Member

Thom Ellenbecker – 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

Lt. Mark Fox – 1st Shift 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 Bernie Schweigman at 7:06 pm.

June minutes were read and accepted.

A crime report for Forest Hill was presented by Lt. Mark Fox for the past month.

- Calls are down 9% from last year with alarm calls, suspicious incidents being the most common requests. Domestic incidents overtook well-being checks in the past month as the third most common request.
- Crashes in the area increased to 5 in the past month, 1 assault, 1 burglary, 6 thefts and 1 motor vehicle theft were also recorded.
- Overdose signs at precincts were taken down recently because of the challenge with keeping them maintained but the statistics remain on the HCSO web page. YTD there has been 268 OD incidents resulting in 46 lives lost.
- A question was asked about why statistics in Harford County are trending relative to the rest of the state which is seeing jumps in crime. Possible reasons: 1) HCSO is fully staffed with sworn law enforcement officers where other jurisdictions face significant shortages in personnel, 2) the COMSTAT processes hosted by the county involving county, cities, state and federal law enforcement agencies to coordinate investigations and enforcement are well functioning and 3) we receive strong support from the local States Attorney's Office in fully prosecuting charges.

A presentation about the Forest Hill Community Advisory Board's mission, past meetings and future plans was given by Thom Ellenbecker. The presentation is available to download from

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YXGhvryL0DhmSvHvnwud10ivo4dUEd3Z/edit?usp=s haring&ouid=116318737039946489835&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Other updates from officials:

Larry Richardson –

- The formal meeting with MDOT on highway safety priorities is scheduled for Oct 18th at 2pm. This will be a live meeting in the council chambers. Grafton Shop / Rt 23 is a top issue that the county will be prioritizing.
- A COVID relief grant for owners of businesses that involve telework and online sales is now available from the county.
- The county has implemented a new locker process allowing the secure drop-off and pickup of documents at county buildings is now online.
- The Harford County Disabilities Commission is seeking nominees for Annual Employment Recognition. Nominations due by Oct 4th.
- The County Executive has proposed a referendum to place a 2-term limit on county council positions. The proposal is now under consideration by the county council.

Meeting adjourned by Acting Chairperson Bernie Schweigman at 8:00PM. A social followed this meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7pm at a new location, the Forest Hill/Hickory Activities Center, 2213 Commerce Rd. Forest Hill, MD 21050

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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