

MEETING MINUTES

Project: Bacon Ridge Natural Area – Severn Chapel Area (P588001)
Purpose: Community Meeting
Date: May 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This community meeting was held in accordance with Section 17-2-107 of the Anne Arundel County Code to introduce the proposed development to the public. The meeting was held at Crofton Public Library in Crofton, Maryland. There were approximately 66 persons in the audience. The following members of the development team were present:

Emma Pfefferkorn – Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works
Michael Pieranunzi – Century Engineering, a Kleinfelder Company
Lydia Vaccare – Century Engineering, a Kleinfelder Company

Representatives of Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks were also present for the meeting and assisted in answering questions: Chris Carroll, Jessica Hardy, and Nick Shearman.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

Emma Pfefferkorn began the meeting at 6:00 PM and introduced the Project. A slideshow was projected and used to present graphic and written information about the Project.

- It was explained that the meeting would be audio recorded and that the recording would be posted online. Procedure for questions and comments was explained, as well as information about the meeting minutes.
- The meeting agenda was outlined. The presenters were introduced to the audience. The purpose of the meeting was explained in relation to the Anne Arundel County Code, section 17-2-107.
- Michael Pieranunzi introduced the project site using aerial imagery that identified the park location in relation to nearby road networks and the greater Bacon Ridge Natural Area.
- Mr. Pieranunzi described the key project information inclusive of the information required on the Community Meeting Checklist, including the project name, address, owner, existing and proposed use, zoning, water and sewer, impacted schools, proposed lots, type of project, critical area, limit of disturbance, proposed road configuration, and proposed stormwater management. Annotated aerial imagery of the site accompanied this information.
- Mr. Pieranunzi described the existing site through the use of photographs, including photographs of the existing ranger station on Lot 2B, and panoramic photographs displaying the existing park viewsheds.
- The Project goals and scope were described, and the Project's relation to the 2022 Bacon Ridge Natural Area Forney Expansion Master Plan was explained.

- The aforementioned master plan was briefly reviewed with a plan graphic and program list.
- The environmental features of the site were described with a map of each feature's location on the site. These features included streams and stream buffers, wetlands and wetland buffers, forest conservation easements and forest cover, specimen trees, historic structures, and steep slopes. It was noted that the environmental features were determined by field survey and County records.
- The proposed impacts to the environmental features were explained as well as mitigation measures for any impacted features. It was noted that no forest conservation easements, streams, stream buffers, wetlands, nor wetland buffers would be impacted by the proposed development. It was also noted that the development team would consult with the County Arborist on the specimen trees, and coordinate with the Maryland Historic Trust to evaluate the historic structures.
- The proposed features and amenities were then described, including the park entrance and drive improvements, parking improvements, Ranger station improvements, bike racks and trash receptacles, equestrian amenities, and Ranger training facility. An overall site plan was displayed showing the locations of the proposed features and amenities. Each location was then described in further detail, including proposed road width, number of parking spaces, proposed demolition, proposed building square footage and height, proposed stormwater management practices, and proposed landscaping.
- The impacts and challenges of the Project were explained. The anticipated project schedule from design completion to construction was reviewed.
- The presentation concluded with an explanation of the online public comment period with a slide displaying the website link, and an explanation of how the responses will be provided.

After the presentation of the Project, a question-and-answer session was held. A summary of questions and answers during the meeting are provided in a separate document.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.