

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	3/4
	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	3/4
	Lex Birney	3/4
	Bill Kardash	4/4
	Daniel Roche	4/4
	Dick Spencer	4/4
Guests and Staff:	David Braun, AACo. Planning & Zoning	
	Christina Jedra, Capital Gazette	
	Gail Kenson, USNA	
	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Jim Burdick	3/4
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/4
	Kurt Riegel	2/4
	Bob Whitcomb	2/4

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER

David Braun of the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning & Zoning presented to the commission on Stormwater Management Design, specifically addressing the Stormwater Management requirements and regulations from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

David Braun then answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees in response to the presentation. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS – Gail Kenson confirmed the rescheduling of the NSA Annapolis Earth Day Volunteer Day to Saturday April 16, from 8 am – 12 pm.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the March 3, 2016, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2016 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY ROCHE AND SECONDED BY KARDASH. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) There was no new correspondence.
- (2) Kreter plans to submit an op/ed piece to the Annapolis Capital Gazette on April 8, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

Kardash said a recent presentation from the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) focuses on stormwater management and green site development. According to Kardash, the AYC Board of Directors has approved demolition of the former AYC building and will rebuild within the existing building footprint, per the City of Annapolis. Kardash said that the AYC expects permits for the Eastport properties to be finalized in April of 2017. Phillips asked if MDE had any input, and Kardash said that MDE will meet with the AYC in the future regarding the project.

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

Spencer noted that the status quo of the existing trails should be preserved, rather than altering the existing trails. Spencer said that the signs on the trails aren't as dramatic as they should be, and he feels that the SRC should work with the United States Naval Academy (USNA) to have more dramatic signage. Spencer noted that an extension of the fence, particularly on the west road, would be helpful. Spencer also proposed a joint organization between the public and the USNA to promote public education and improved signage.

Phillips suggested via email to Spencer that the SRC work with the USNA through the Anne Arundel County Executive's office. Spencer noted that he would be editing his conclusions and assessment of Greenbury Point, and then submit a draft letter to the County Executive for the USNA.

Phillips also noted the Friends of the Naval Academy and other public groups that participate in specific activities at the USNA. Phillips said there is precedence regarding Spencer's requests,

and feels that a partnership between the USNA and a public group is beneficial to all parties involved.

Spencer noted the need for physical signs with opening & closing information, in addition to the current use of social media. Phillips supports directing the efforts through the County Executive to foster a partnership between the USNA and Anne Arundel County. Phillips also suggested that Spencer meet with the USNA military liaison to the County Executive's Office.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

Kreter has spoken with Alderman Ross Arnett, and he will also contact Alderman Jared Littman & Alderman Ian Pfeiffer before meeting with the City of Annapolis Manager Tom Andrews and Mayor Pantelides. Spencer wants to treat the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) campaign as an educational campaign only, and Kreter agreed.

Crystal Spring

Crystal Spring discussion is on hold until May 2016.

Future Presentations

May – Phillips will confirm with Dr. Andrew Muller

June – Phillips will invite Dr. David Kriebel

July -- Kardash will invite Leo Wilson on behalf of AYC

- Spencer has requested a presentation on the Jabez Run Headwaters & Trout Stream from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the future
- Birney would like to invite David Barker from the Back Creek Conservancy to present in the future
- Roche would like a presentation regarding the recent activity at The Pines

Water Access

Kreter, Spencer and Whitcomb met with Mike Lofton to view three sites in Londontowne for potential public water access. Kreter said that a small boat launching site is being prepared in the next few months on the Captain John Smith Trail. Spencer noted that part of Hacketts Point is owned by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), and would like the SRC to actively pursue opening small boat launching water access in the area. Phillips made note of public water access in the City of Annapolis for small boat launching.

Permit Notifications

Permit Notification discussion is on hold until May 2016.

Bay Management Strategies

There was nothing new to report.

Stormwater Management on Severn Run

Roche will request updates on Severn River projects from Erica Jackson.

Website

Website discussion is on hold until May 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS – There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer
AACounty DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Watershed Protection & Restoration Program