

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

	Attendance Record
Members Present:	
Charlie Kreter, Chair	3/5
Lex Birney	3/5
Jim Burdick	4/5
Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	4/5
Bill Kardash	3/5
Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	1/4
Kurt Riegel	5/5
Daniel Roche	2/5
Dick Spencer	5/5
Bob Whitcomb	3/5
Guests and Staff:	
Puskar Kar (MDOT/SHA)	
Brandi McCoy (MDOT/SHA)	
Adriene Metzbower (MDOT/SHA)	
Gail Kenson, USNA	
Erik Michelsen, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	
Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	2/5

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 SPEAKERS – Puskar Kar, Brandi McCoy, Adriene Metzbower; MDOT / SHA

Puskar Kar, Brandi McCoy, and Adriene Metzbower of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) / State Highway Administration (SHA) presented to the commission about the Severn River Bridge expansion project. Kar discussed the project location and summarized the issues regarding recurring congestion in the eastbound direction approaching the Severn River Bridge during peak times, as well as concern in the City of Annapolis that local streets are being used to avoid the congestion. Kar discussed alternatives, such as an additional eastbound lane, as well as eliminating the Rowe Boulevard merge.

McCoy discussed the environmental impact of the project, as well as agency coordination between MDOT / SHA and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the SRC, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Metzbower addressed the issues regarding impact of the project on natural resources. There will be no impact on wetlands or the Severn River. There will be an impact on less than 1 acre to trees and vegetation, due to the extension of a noise barrier alongside US Route 50. Metzbowwer then discussed the area of the project located within the expanded critical area buffer. Mitigation for critical area impact will be provided within the Severn River Watershed. Construction will be completed by May 2018.

Following the presentation, Kar, McCoy and Metzbowwer answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

GUEST SPEAKER – ERIK MICHELSEN, AACO DPW/WPRP

Erik Michelsen of the Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection & Restoration Program (WPRP) presented to the commission about Integrated Water Management in Anne Arundel County. Michelsen first discussed the county's regulatory mandates, including the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The MS4 permits are issued every 5 years, and require treatment of 20% of untreated impervious area during the permit cycle. Michelsen then discussed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), WPRP Restoration Project Goals, and WPRP MS4 Attainment Goals.

Michelsen also discussed winter event treatment methods, mainly the use of salt brine and the resulting reduced chloride entering local waterways, as well as street sweeping and the effect on water quality by keeping debris, nutrients and other pollutants out of storm drains. He then discussed Integrating Water Management, specifically WPRP's work with Utilities to protect infrastructure and Highways to implement long term strategies to accommodate landscape changes as well as protect existing infrastructure. Michelsen then discussed working with the private sector on restoration projects, the AA County Restoration Grant Program, and the Watershed Stewards Academy.

Following the presentation, Michelsen answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Birney met with David Barker of the Back Creek Conservancy (BCC) about the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) application.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 6, 2017, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 6, 2017 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY BURDICK AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) There is a presentation on the status of the Chesapeake Bay by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) on Monday, May 8, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Permit Notifications

Burdick noted a few projects that weren't listed on the permit notifications: 39 Hudston Street and Lindamoore Lane. There are no other projects in Anne Arundel County on the list except for Department of Defense (DOD) projects. Donegan is still trying to get the permit for St. Luke's Church from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA).

Water Access

Whitcomb said that County Executive Schuh added funds for two (2) public water access sites in the county budget for Fiscal Year 2018 in Shadyside and at Discovery Village. Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks identified public water access areas at the Sully Cove facility on the Patapsco River.

Future Presentations

- Phillips wants Lisa Grieco to present on the City of Annapolis city dock stormwater project on sea level rise
- Spencer wants John Page Williams from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to present
- Kreter requested a presentation from Erik Michelsen (WPRP) on future capital projects

No Discharge Zone (NDZ)

Birney met with David Barker from the BCC. Barker has volunteered to put together the NDZ Application. Kardash attended the Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) meeting in April 2017 with Kreter and David Barker. Kardash said there was some push back from the MAB, but Terry

Lomax (MAB Chair) said he was pleased the SRC had gone beyond what was required, and there was some internal discussion about endorsing the concept. Burdick suggested asking the MAB to have the SRC present again in the future.

Annapolis Yacht Club

Kardash said that the construction project had been approved, and construction on the Compromise Street property will begin on July 1, 2017. The Eastport Property renovations are delayed until the Compromise Street project construction begins. The Family Center construction will begin in August or September of 2017. Each project has a timeline of 12 – 18 months from start to finish. Construction on the Compromise Street property will be completed in the last quarter of 2018.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb said that the Oyster Advisory Committee did not meet in April of 2017, but that two (2) tributaries will be chosen in June 2017.

Millersville Post Office

Whitcomb said that the SRC letter of support had been submitted. Donegan noted the project has been delayed for one year because a phase of the project wasn't ready for the public fund requirement to be spent in one (1) year.

Stream Protection Regulations

Stream Protection Regulations discussion is on hold until June 2017.

Website

There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017 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