

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 1, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Charlie Kreter, Chair	4/6
	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	3/6
	Jim Burdick	5/6
	Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	5/6
	Bill Kardash	4/6
	Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	2/5
	Kurt Riegel	6/6
	Daniel Roche	3/6
	Dick Spencer	6/6
	Bob Whitcomb	4/6
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Lisa Grieco, City of Annapolis	
	John Page Williams, Chesapeake Bay Foundation	
	Gail Kenson, USNA	
	Gerald Inglesby, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Lex Birney	3/6

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

**GUEST SPEAKER – Lisa Grieco; City of Annapolis**

Lisa Grieco of the City of Annapolis presented to the commission about the Annapolis City Dock nuisance flooding and proposed flood mitigation concepts. Grieco said the project purpose is to address tidal flooding in the city dock area. Other phases of the project will address sea level rise and storm management solutions. AECOM will work with the City of Annapolis on the project. AECOM has reviewed all literature and completed studies, as well as compiled a matrix of all possible solutions that could be considered. Grieco said that no single solution will address tidal flooding, and the City of Annapolis will consider a combination of solutions.

The City of Annapolis also worked with the Army Corps of Engineers, who documented the entire existing stormwater system. Grieco discussed various flooding results from 1.9 feet through 5.0 feet, using the Alex Haley statue at the city dock as an example. Grieco then

discussed features of the proposed flood mitigation system: storm drain improvements, pumping stations, and minor grading modifications. Projected start date is 2019 with a projected cost of \$10M (with \$ 3.5M expected from FEMA)

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

**PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS**

Nothing

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the May 4, 2017, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2017 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY BURDICK AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) There was a letter received from a resident regarding a retention pond. The letter was addressed by Erik Michelsen, AACo. DPW/WPRP, to the satisfaction of the resident.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Stream Protection Regulations**

There was nothing new to report.

**Millersville Post Office**

Donegan noted that the project is no longer on hold, but is currently awaiting approval/funding.

**Oyster Restoration Activities**

Whitcomb said the Oyster Advisory Commission (OAC) met in May 2017 and announced the result of the vote that took place. St. Mary's, Breton Bay, and the Severn River, among a few other candidates, came out as the top recommendations for the next oyster restoration projects. Whitcomb said there are conflicting positions both for and against selecting St. Mary's for oyster restoration. According to Whitcomb, all recommendations will be taken under advisement and presented to Gov. Hogan, then will announce the final decision once reached

with Gov. Hogan. Whitcomb submitted a letter from the Severn River Association (SRA) to Gov. Hogan.

Spencer asked what the SRC's next steps should be if the Severn River is not chosen for the oyster restoration program. Whitcomb said it should be left to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Army Corps of Engineers. Whitcomb has already met with members of the Severn River Association (SRA) regarding a potential fundraising campaign to benefit oyster restoration activities in the Severn River.

Whitcomb has already prepared for oyster planting that will take place in the near future.

### **Annapolis Yacht Club**

Kardash said Leo Wilson is working toward a June 7, 2017 deadline, but there are no other updates.

### **No Discharge Zone**

There was nothing new to report.

Riegel made note of a proposed warehouse development at the headwaters of Weems Creek in the City of Annapolis.

### **Future Presentations**

- 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
- Donegan asked Whitcomb to contact Lisa Gutierrez (DNR) to discuss public water access prior to scheduling a future presentation
- Spencer wants to coordinate a presentation from John & Tom Guay (SRA Monitoring Team), Dr. Tammy Domanski (Anne Arundel Community College/Operation Clearwater), Caroline Donovan (University of Maryland), and Lou Etgen (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay) on monitoring issues

### **Water Access**

There was nothing new to report.

### Permit Notifications

Spencer asked if any permit notifications were coming from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Burdick said he receives permit notifications from Anne Arundel County and the Army Corps of Engineers. Burdick will contact MDE regarding receiving permit updates in the future.

### Website

There was nothing new to report.

### NEW BUSINESS

Bacterial Monitoring - Whitcomb said that terrible bacteria ratings caused the SRA to issue a public notice on water quality at county beaches due to elevated levels of rain. Burdick said that no Anne Arundel County beaches were closed. Whitcomb said that the county should have closed beaches due to extremely high bacteria levels over the Memorial Day weekend. Spencer said that Anne Arundel County has a blanket recommendation of not swimming for 48 hours when there has been more than half an inch of rain. Whitcomb asked why there was no public health alert when there had been 3 times the safe amount of rain.

Illegal Dredging – John Page Williams identified the pier of 952 Old County as the site of illegal dredging which needs to be remediated.

### PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS

There was no public input.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

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