

**NNWB BOARD MEETING, White Oak Library
November 5, 2019**

Attendees: Board: Laura Barnitz, Maurie Kathan; nonboard: Jason Hornick, John Kester, Jim Padgett, Tom & Sue Otwell, Miriam Johnson, Ed Murtagh, Larry Hush, John Fay, Melinda Cavin, Anne Ambler

Board Business

- Treasurer's Report
 - Presented by Larry Hush
 - Current balance is \$3,668.73
 - We have spent to date \$530.64
 - We still have E-tapestry \$509 to be paid this year.
- Need to approve minutes from previous month over email as we do not have a quorum.

Recent Events Recap and Updates

- Stream Cleanups (~ 5 minutes)
 - September 29, Lamberton (Laura Turbe)
 - 12 people, 13 bags of trash, 5 recycling, 2 tires)
 - October 5, Burnt Mills (Larry Hush)
 - 3-4 bag of trash
 - October 26, Burnt Mills (Jason Hornick)
 - 17 people
 - White oak middle school teacher reached out.
 - November 2, W. Hyattsville Metro (Maurie Kathan)
 - 2 volunteers, 2 bags of trash, 2 bags of recycling
- H2O Summit, November 2
 - Jason and Anne reported (Laura Barnitz and Ed Murtagh also attended)
 - A major topic at the Summit was salt management.
 - WSSC discussed some tips and tricks for salt abatement.
 - Clear walkways of snow first. You will then need less salt or none. If you wait, the snow can turn to ice, which will require more de-icer.
 - Call 311 if you see salt piles and the county will come remove them.

- Montgomery County has changed to brine from salt crystals.
 - Salt usage has increased because of complaints from people who want to drive immediately after a snowfall.
 - They suggested that we should complain to elected officials about excess road salt usage.
- Maurie suggested we add salt information to the website in the news section. [It was added to the Homepage where it's more visible.]

Upcoming Events

- Stream cleanup November 9, NW Branch at Lane Manor & University Hills parks (Leader: Ben Simasek)
 - 10am to 12pm

New and Ongoing Issues

- I270/Beltway Expansion
 - Anne Ambler presented
 - Board of public works voted in June to approve using a P3 (Public Private Partnership).
 - Comptroller Franchot set conditions on his vote:
 - No property to be taken before the Board of Public Works gives final approval to the P3.
 - P3 contractor will permit mass transit bus access on toll lanes for free.
 - 10% of net toll proceeds, after P3 contractor is reimbursed construction costs, will go to counties for regional transit.
 - MDOT will study feasibility of Monorail.
 - Order of construction switched:
 - 1-270 south
 - 1-270 north
 - 1-495
 - C.E. Elrich proposed an alternate plan:
 - Routes Beltway drivers to the ICC between the spur and I-95, avoiding the need to take parkland and houses along the Beltway.
 - On October 23, Mr. Elrich clarified that the managed lanes shown on his map would be reversible.

- MNCPPC sent a letter stating that MDOT couldn't take park land since it was set up by a federal act (Capper-Cramton Act).
- November 4 was the "Road Show" where MDOT presents the proposed new projects.
 - MDOT stated that vehicle miles traveled are up, while fuel tax revenues are down--because of more efficient vehicles.
 - Secretary of Transportation says they are lowering bridge and tunnel tolls on motorcycles and some other vehicles.
 - MDOT noted an increase in road fatalities.
 - MDOT has rejected the ICC diversion plan because of the additional miles.

Maurie suggested we send out a call your representative push. [done]

- Hyattsville Happenings (Anne, Maurie ~5 minutes)
 - Hyattsville Middle School Magruder Park Proposal
 - They have decided to build it on the existing site rather than in Magruder Park in the NWB floodplain.
- FOSC Synthetic Turf on Ellsworth
 - The developer wants to permanently close Ellsworth Dr. between Fenton St. and Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring and install synthetic turf there.
 - The October 10th public meeting was the first time people heard about it.
 - NNWB will send a letter supporting FoSC's letter, which presented strong objections to the use of artificial turf.
 - Maurie suggested we contact people.
- Social Media Planning
 - Educational stuff doesn't need approval.
 - Maybe we can use it for advocacy but will need board approval.
 - As of right now we won't use it for advertising but maybe we can increase.
- Listserv migration

- Jason and Anne will work on setting up google.io listserv and we will send out notices.
- Year-End, 2020 Fundraising
 - Make decisions over email
 - Membership drives
- Montgomery Volunteers
 - Laura Barnitz will be looking into setting it up for NNWB so that we can post directly rather than through the Parks Dept.