Turner Station Conservation Teams, Inc.



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Community Virtual Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 24, 2021
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Welcome - Gloria Nelson, President

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Pearls of the Bay will be added to the agenda to share the information regarding the June 23, 2021, event.

The chat is available for questions. Questions were submitted in advance for the County Executive.

Opening Prayer - Pastor Johnson

Officer Briggs is filling in for Officer White – 112 calls for service, 26 written reports, one 3rd degree burglary: one theft from auto. Neighbors complaining of increase of drug activity and hot spots. This information has been sent to narcotics team. Issues with tractor trailer traffic on Mt Olive Road is being investigated.

Senator Stallings – They have been I contact with Congressmen Dutch Ruppersburger's office regarding the post office. They have the finances to hire more people. They have been behind for 8-9 months because more people need to be hired. The previous Post Marshall has retired. They are working with federal government to ensure people get their mail daily. The County Executive is concerned about this as well. This is affecting everyone. This is a problem across the county. They will not stop until they get to where they need to be.

Pearls by the Bay - Shekeitha Jeffries - On Wednesday, June 23rd they will host a community lunch and learn. There are pleased to be working with the Conservation Teams, Maurisha White and Dr. Branch. The meeting will focus on the youth and educating them on COVID.

Team Report

Beautification - Gloria Nelson – Edie Brooks and her team have done a remarkable job with picking up trash and planting flowers. Tell Edie thank you when you see her.

Code Enforcement - Joyce Curbean - Edie & Joyce surveyed the community last week. Issues with cutting grass and putting out trash. If you have issues with trash

removal, please give them a call. They continue to look at properties. Edie & Joyce are consolidating list of concerns to submit to the County. It is important to recycle and add another day of trash removal to assist with rats. We are hoping Turner Station will be a part of the rat eradication program. This will add an additional day of trash removal.

Community Service- Michael Thompson – No report given

Infrastructure - Larry Bannerman - No report given

Housing Team - Gloria Nelson – The team met last Thursday. The developer is doing a survey on the property. The property on East Ave, there was opposition by the residents. This property will be removed from the list. 140 Avon Beach, 214 Sollers Point Road and 103

Recreation - Maurisha White – The programs will restart on the 1st week of June. We will hold National Night Out.

Sollers Point Library –Elizabeth Slack – They are open for browsing and computer service. 8/21/21 there will be a shred event. It will be contactless. Only paper can be shredded. You can get in line more than once. You cannot get out of your car this year.

Baltimore County Dept of Planning – Gloria Nelson, Master plan for our district kicked off last week. Soliciting input from residents. Go online to complete the survey.

Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC) - Tasha Greshman-James – Home buyers grants funds are available. Senior home repair funds are available. There is also a Baltimore County program called because. Email or call Tasha to get on the list. They are a part of the housing group. Working with other agencies to get people ready for home ownership. They are working very hard to help people. There will be a couple of home ownership events coming up in the summer and fall. Working on getting the funding for the booklet.

Eastside Development is working with DRC and the Dept of planning on the brochure. The goal is to get people ready to purchase the properties as soon as the homes are ready. There will be 4 new homes in the community.

MD Port/Ecologix, - Dan Spacek – Cargo volumes are growing. There are a lot of expansion projects going on. They continue to promote the Straight Truck Program. There is still funding available. Truck drivers can get up to \$30,000 to get a bigger engine truck. There is a lot of great things going on at the Port.

Guest Speaker

Baltimore County Executive – Johnny O' – It's a blessing and privilege to be a part of this meeting. Thank you for all the partners and volunteers. The day is coming soon when we can see each other again in person. Over 70 percent of the county residents are vaccinated. Our sites have been noticed by the Governor as some of the best in the state. We are now vaccinating people beginning at age 12. If someone is homebound,

someone can come to the home to vaccinate. Given out over 18 million meals to residents since the pandemic started. Millions of dollars have been distributed for eviction prevention. 25 million dollars have been given out through 4 programs. Day care funds are available for low-income families. Budget will be voted on by the County Council on Wednesday. This is the largest ever dollar increase over the maintenance effort. A new addition will be added to Dundalk High School. Air conditioning in all building. Expanding access to community college. Free college will be offered for 500 CCBC students. Community policing and walks will resume. Crime is decreasing. Education and Recreation are a priority. There will be a clinician in the 911 center. 16 million dollars towards the Sparrows Point Park. Speed humps and handicap parking lots have been added to the community. More funding for improving community service efforts. They will add more code enforcement inspectors. The Department of aging will add 17 additional parking spaces at Fleming. They will update the athletic field at Sollers. They will repair the pavilion at Fleming. The Road on Rayme Road will be repaved. The Sparrows Point Park will be accessible to all. The Northpoint greenway trail will be funded. There is a great deal of money going into Turner Station, the surrounding communities and the Southeastern area which has been under funded. There are a lot of exciting things in the budget for Turner Station. The Recovery funding is not just about getting back to where we were before COVID, it's also about getting to where we should have been

Question - Street Cleaning – Answer yes happy to schedule, Tony & Pete will work on a plan

Question - How long does it take for the County to clean up after a fire? Answer— They try to immediately secure the site after a fire. If it's not done quickly enough, the county will put a lean against the property. Pete will get back to Gloria with a more specific timeline

Question – What will it take to get a Park Attendant at Turner Park? Answer - 75 million dollars has been allocated in Rec funding. This is the largest in history. There are funds available to investigate this. The County will look at damaged tables and the issues with the trash. The attendant house was raised a few years ago. That challenges the effort of 24-hour staff. Pete will have Rosalyn investigate the concerns as mentioned today. He will discuss with Rosalyn the need to have staff opening and closing the gates.

Question - What is county doing regarding Logan Village? Answer – The Heritage trail will help with traffic on Dundalk Ave. There is a new owner at Logan Village. The plan is to re-engage the new owners and the community regarding utilizing the center again.

Question - Senior Affordable Housing is difficult to find in this area. What can be done to assist in this area? Answer - Pete will follow up to make sure this is a topic of discussion. 1 out of every 4 residents in the county is a senior. The County recognizes the needs

Team Reports Cont.

Lyons Homes - Chris Wood – The development is moving along really well. The weather has worked to their advantage. About 30 percent complete. Early residences will be turned over in early July. These will be current residents who will be returning. There are several accessible residents in Lyons Homes. Walked through the community this past few Fridays. They were excited to see the speed bumps. They are getting a lot of feedback both positive and negative.

MD Transportation Auth Police - Gloria Nelson – On last Tuesday the cadets, maintenance team and leadership teams did an awesome cleanup of the Turner Station Park. The goal was to reclaim green space. Several paring spaces were cleared out with the heavy equipment that they brought in. They also came back to remove the grass & shrubbery.

Girl Scouts - Arkia Gowins – There is a little library near Avon Beach Rad & Main Street. Feel free to utilize the little library. There will be another one going up at the Sollers Point Center. Girls Scouts has 2 more meetings before they break for the summer.

Linwood Jackson - Today Baltimore County came out and filled in the holes that were made by the tractor trailers. It's time to get the word out that Turner Station is a place to raise your families. Maye a tour can be done to show people what Turner Station has to offer.

Get the word out regarding the new homes & the home ownership opportunities in Turner Station.

Take the time to visit the Conservation Teams website.

The next Food distribution will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021. Meetings are being held every other month.

We will have National Night Out on August 3, 20201 in partnership with the Turner Station Recreation Council. We hope all of our partners will put up a table.

Mr. Linwood has been hosting watch parties to assist with getting the word out. Mary Coleman has done the same. We will encourage watch parties.

Thank you everyone and our partners for effort and hard work.

Note: For Single Father, Inc. Kelvin Warren has been working closely with Mrs. Speed. There are several Dads in the community in which they are working with. They are distributing food at the Fleming Center. They assisted Mrs. Speed in planting flowers at the VFW and plating potato plants at the community gardens.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Johnson