

# Community Advisory Group Notes

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Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

## Community Advisory Group Members

### Present

Tammy Beideman  
Andy Hall  
Lori Lilly  
Gary Maule  
Ken McNaughton  
Bruno Reich  
Ron Peters  
Don Reuwer  
Senator James N. Robey  
Angela Tersiguel  
Beth Woodruff

### Not Present

Kevin Bloom  
Simon Cortes  
Frank Durantaye  
Reverend Joan King  
Mark Hemmis  
Timothy Kendzierski  
Debbie Slack Katz

### County Staff

Maria Bernadzikowski  
Jeff Bronow  
Lisa Crow  
Joseph Herr  
Jessie Keller  
Phil Nichols  
Kristin O'Connor  
Ryan Miller

## Discussion Topics

**Welcome** – Chair, Senator James N. Robey

- Welcome from CAG Chair, Senator Robey.
- Introduction of Emily Meyer, Federal Disaster Recovery Officer – FEMA.
  - Will be assisting OEM for the next 30 days.
- Introduction of Chris Brooks and Amy Reiber from McCormick Taylor.
- Reminder of third community meeting tonight (12/1) at 6pm at the Roger Carter Center.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Chair, Senator James N. Robey

- Meeting minutes for 11/17/16 were not addressed.

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### **Presentation –McCormick Taylor**

- Presentation given about the 2014 Ellicott City Flood Study.
  - Sent to CAG members via email.
- McCormick and Taylor - currently doing a study which is much broader, encompasses much more for the July 2016 Flood Event.
- Parameters of 2014 Study:
  - Focused on area between Rogers Avenue and Parking Lot D.
  - Looked at entire watershed from Hudson Branch.
  - This area was most impacted in 2011 during Tropical Storm Lee.
  - Looked at storm water management improvements.
    - Limitations:
      - Public or undeveloped private land only.
      - Couldn't have historical impact.
  - Capacity Building
    - Limitations
      - Main street would have to close.
- Had a lot more restrictions in 2014 – not the case now, looking at much broader, bigger options.
- Biggest challenge of tunneling option is the bedrock.
- Army Corps of Engineers did a peer review of 2014 report conclusions.
- Current (2016) Study is looking at the entire watershed.
  - Becoming more familiar with the intricacies of the other side of the watershed – more opportunities based on undeveloped areas.
  - 2D model utilized
- Question: “What are you trying to improve?”
  - Trying to manage the volume of water that goes above the 10-year event to the 100-year event.
  - You would need 10 football fields with two stories of water space in order to prevent a 100-year flood event.
  - Would need 7,000 ft of 12 feet wide concrete box culvert 5 feet to 8 feet high.
  - Would last 50-100 years.
  - Finding the space for this is difficult.

### **Q & A – CAG Members**

- Question: “How do you determine whether or not you’re going to use 1D or 2D model?”
  - When the water starts moving under buildings and back and forth 2D needs to be utilized.
- CAG members commented that Chris and Amy should make sure that the case study includes West End residents, starting at Ellicott Mills Drive.
  - Residents have videos, pictures, etc. that could be helpful to the case study.

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- Chris and Amy encouraged CAG members (or anyone else) to send videos, information, etc. to Phil so that he could pass along – articulated that this information could be helpful in their study.
- Chris explained that all feedback, video, etc. should go through the County to get to McCormick Taylor.
- Question: “Do you do a presentation to explain your findings?”
  - Yes, to the County and then they help refine it.
  - The CAG suggested to bring the results to the public so they can have questions answered and provide feedback.
- Question, “Do you address the rising of the Patapsco River in your study?”
  - The study won’t, for the most part, model the rising of the Patapsco because much of it is well beyond the scope of what can be prevented, but they will take it into account in their analysis.

### **Continued CAG Deliverable Discussion** – Chair, Senator James N. Robey

- Senator Robey made sure that all members had a copy of the future meeting schedule and reminded members that the CAG will not meet on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> due to the Holidays.
- Senator Robey also reminded members that there is a lot to be done in order to get the deliverable together by January 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5 subcommittees – all CAG members have their subcommittee.
  - County staff will come to assist with subgroups.
  - Everyone agree to focus on working on the projects that had been proposed – about 270 project ideas.
  - CAG members are encouraged to propose additional ideas if they see any missing as they go through the existing 270.
  - Prioritization of projects criteria will be sent out to CAG members.
  - CAG members requested the excel file of the project ideas.
  - The deadline to submit project ideas is December 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - Any ideas submitted between 12/10 and 12/31 will be consolidated and given to the CAG for the 1/5 meeting.
    - The discussion of existing project ideas will begin at the next meeting, 12/8.
- The CAG requested to have someone speak about the traffic study done in the West End.
  - Senator Robey said he would reach out to have the Chief of Police to come speak at 12/15’s meeting.
- The CAG also requested to have Don Reuwer speak about rebuilding efforts.
  - Don will speak at 12/15’s meeting.

### **Closing** – Chair, Senator James N. Robey

- Senator Robey reminded members that they need to start reading through ideas, thinking about getting rid of any duplications, prioritizing, etc.