

MINUTES

FAIRFAX ROAD COMMUNITY MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL

MARCH 30, 2020

Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Those participating included James Petty (1970), Jeff Fine (1942), Van Nield (1962), Kris Valerio Shock (1977) and Camille Cimino (1985).

Camille opened up the conversation asking for meaningful recommendations and ideas from Fairfax Road residents regarding the city of Annapolis and what we believe are some of the challenges we face living in the city today.

Below is a compilation of our thoughts:

- Continue affording the residents of Annapolis an opportunity to express their concerns and make recommendations
- Control Developing—more attention needed to traffic studies, prior to developers being given the go ahead; mandate that improvements be done to the road system before developments are built.
- Do all we can to bring those still relegated to the fringes of our community into the mainstream of our society; Need more job opportunities
- Promote electric cars
- More trails for hiking and biking
- Promote the use of solar in new buildings and developments
- Stop cutting down trees! Have stricter requirements for builders/developers to replace what they cut down
- A Bike Lane on West Street leading to downtown
- A left turn signal added to the existing light when making a left turn from southbound Old Solomon's Island Road onto Forest Drive
- Parking hazard at the SaveMart on Forest Drive; parking lot is not large enough to handle the increased volume of customers. Cars stop in the middle of the road waiting for a parking space to become available in the parking lot. This needs to be seriously reviewed (Saturday's and evenings are very busy) Perhaps, the parking lot could be connected to the Gardner Center parking lot?
- Reconfigure Forest Drive where it meets Fairfax Road before ending at Chinquapin Round Road; people stop and block the residents from getting out of Fairfax Road during evening rush hour. Drivers don't pay attention to signage and painted arrows on the road. Drivers coming from Parole lose patience. They don't want to wait in the line of cars who are trying to merge onto Chinquapin Round. They go in the opposite lane so they can get ahead of other drivers. Waiting for a head on collision.

Two possible solutions:

- Add a traffic light at Fairfax Road (Forest now?)

- Widen the right hand lane of Chinguapin at Aris T. Allen Park, so cars turning right going west onto ATA Blvd aren't held up by everyone in the middle lane who are continuing straight thru the light.
- These two ideas would go a long way to sort out that mess.
- Fairfax Road has one speed limit sign (25 mi). We have had an increase in transient drivers who are speeding down the road exceeding 25 mph. Is additional signage available to the community?
- Much stricter control of mud runoff from construction sites into the creeks and rivers, and hence the Bay. Runoff is a major factor in suffocating the seaweed beds ("submerged aquatic vegetation") that are the nurseries for all faunal species in the Bay - crabs, fish, you name it.

All of these ideas and thoughts will be shared with the appropriate City government staff who are working on the 10-year update to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.

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