



Ward One

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Doug Smith, President, Ward One Residents Association

WARD ONE MEETINGS
Wednesday, April 22
Wednesday, May 13

BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!



Actons' Landing Community Room
All meetings start 7:00 p.m. sharp!

President's Message

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7:00pm

Guest Speakers and Agenda:

- Mayoral Candidate Series: **Sam Shropshire** - candidate for mayor and our guest speaker
- Let's talk about City Dock
 - ☛ What would you like to see – Parking lot or Urban Center?
 - ☛ What Does the Comprehensive plan say?
(For more background, see page 2.)
 - ☛ Planning & Zoning view – Jon Arson & Virginia Burke
 - ☛ Special Presentation – Pedestrian-friendly City Dock design – Shelley Rensch, O'Doherty Group
- City Manager Petition Roll out – Petitions coming in from all Eight (8) Wards
- Candidate positions on City Manager – an Update, who supports, who opposes?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 7:00pm (early May Meeting!)

Guest Speakers and Agenda:

- Mayoral Candidate Gilbert Renaut
- Mayoral Candidate - Zina Pierre
- Transit and Parking Guest Speaker: David Diquinzo, Planning Commission and Baltimore Regional Transportation Planning Advisory Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 7:00pm

June 10 – Annual meeting – St. Johns. – Mark your Calendar! Snacks, beverage and a really exciting election!

Buddy's Crab wants a 2 AM License

Your support is needed – April 22

The owners of Buddy's Crab, Harvey Blonder & Kevin Blonder feel they are entitled to have a 2 AM license. They have been turned down at least 7 times, and Ward One even went to court in support of the decision that rejected their 2 AM application.

The Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABDB) hearing is April 22, 3:00 PM, City Hall. ABC has consistently rejected the 2 AM application, and we support the ABC. There is some mis-information running around – Buddy's is not about to lose their license - they just need to abide by their 12 midnight license. We don't need another 2 am bar. Please show up on the 22nd to oppose Buddy's request.

NewsRacks

Attacking the Newsrack problem

Probably one of the worst eye-sores in the City, newsrack control legislation was introduced at City Council, April 13. We want to support legislation to control newsrack - If you go to Easton – you see NO newsracks.

Need Flowers?

Thursday, April 30, City Dock Flower Mart

Get all the flowers you need for May Day (May 1), Flower Basket Contest. Take a walking tour, check out all the baskets, **and ask your neighbors to sign the City Manager petition!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Maritime Festival kicks off Friday, May 1, Music at Fawcett's, 5-8:00 pm.

A good thing to support

Wounded Warriors – Saturday - May 2. Injured US veterans will bicycle through the city. Cyclists will be on Main Street, 10 to – 10:30 am (approximate time.)

Farmer's Market is back – Saturday, May 2, next to Fawcett's.

Photos of Annapolis and the Naval Academy. Ms. Alison Harbaugh will have her photographs on display at 49 West in May. **Opening day for Alison's work is May 3.** Ms. Harbaugh will be signing her new book, "Where Severn Joins the Tide". (great title!) - from 5-8 pm, May 3, at 49 West, Have a cup of coffee – or glass of wine – and enjoy some top quality photography!

New Parks

Honoring the late Barabara Neustadt 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9. Special dedicaiton at the end of Monticello Avenue. In 1973, Mrs. Neustadt became the

first woman to be elected to City Council. Mrs. Neustadt and her husband Herbert, a professor at the Naval Academy, were long-time residents of Academy Street. Emily Neustadt, daughter of the Neustadt's is organizing this event in cooperation with Lee Ann Plumer, Director of Rec. and Parks.

Two Park Benches named for Mary and Marion Warren – have you tried out the two park benches at Actons Landing? Simply a great view of Spa Creek. Take a walk to Actons Landing, and visit the beautiful park, bring your kids and grandkids. This site on Spa Creek is a true gem and a favorite spot of Marion & Mary. The two park benches will be recognized as **Warren View**, and will be dedicated June 13, at 11:00 am.

City Manager Petition

Petition Drive is moving into full gear. Web site ABCcitymanager.org is up and almost complete. Volunteer groups in each ward are gathering signatures. You can help by talking to your neighbors and helping us get signed petitions. We have lists of registered voters, talking points (why city manager is a good idea),

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Comprehensive Plan – City Dock – Cars or People?

discussion at April 22 W1 Meeting

Joe Budge has been tireless in his work on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. I asked Joe to help us understand how the Comp. Plan is going to help us actually work toward a future vision for City Dock. [The Comp. Plan Committee spent two years, and produced the first draft of the plan; the plan then went to the Planning Commission for their review, and changes, and now the Comp. Plan goes to City Council for review, hearings and final approval.]

Here is Joe Budge's recap:

In reviewing the Comprehensive Plan the Planning Commission adopted language calling to "Minimize park-

ing during the day from the Market House to the end of City Dock at water's edge." The brief conversation at the Commission meeting left many wondering what that was about. Here's the rest of the story: For quite some time planners have advised the City that using our highest-value waterfront area as a parking lot was a terrific waste. The 1993 Ward One Sector Study called for "The City Dock revitalized for people instead of cars." Since then the call has been repeated by planning consultants and, most recently, by Envisioning Annapolis. However the sticking point has always been alternative parking and transportation. For very good reasons the downtown businesses do not want to see parking spaces simply go away, taking customers with them. In drafting the Comp Plan, the Citizen's Advisory Committee agreed with prior advice to make City Dock a pedestrian-focused area. However, we also realized that without downtown businesses at the table there was zero chance of developing a plan which would be successful. Accordingly, the Comp Plan calls for pulling together a group of residents, businesses, and other members of the community to update the 1993 Ward One Sector

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Study. The update should maximize waterfront access, maximize pedestrian-friendly features, incorporate a variety of open spaces (large and small), manage parking and public transportation, and accommodate boats of all types. The Commission added minimizing daytime parking to the list.

The City Planning Commission has completed its review of the Comprehensive Plan. Revisions to the plan which reflect the Commission's changes are being posted on the City website at www.ci.annapolis.md.us/info.asp?page=8953.

You can also find the revisions by following the links from Planning and Zoning's web page on the City's site: www.ci.annapolis.md.us/ P&Z expects to have the revised plan ready for City Council in May. Since the plan sets city policy in many arenas for the next decade, it will be very important for all of us to provide City Council with thoughtful comments when they call for public testimony.

Thanks, Joe, for this information.

**Looking forward to a great meeting
on April 22 and May 13!**

Doug Smith

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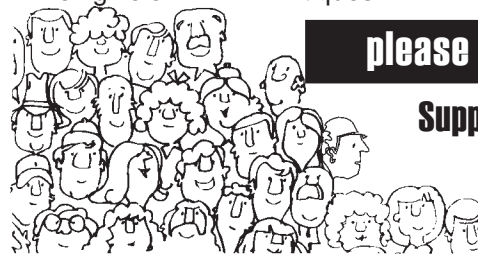
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