

October 2, 2017 4:00pm.

County/City Meeting Notes

Attendance: City Commissioner Donald Sydnor, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Commissioner LaShon Foster, County Councilman, Don Satterfield, County Councilman Rick Travers, County Manager Jeremy Goldman, City Manager Sandra Tripp-Jones, Oden Wheeler Director DPW, and Rebecca White Executive Assistant to County Manger. Guest Reverend Cornish

Old Maces Lane School Building: Reverend Cornish presented that the Maces Lane Steering Committee meets weekly at the Harriett Tubman Museum on Race St. Monday's at 6:00pm. They have elected officers they are as follows: Rev. Cornish Chairperson, Herschel Johnson Vice-Chairperson, James Pinkett Assistant Treasurer, Linda Henry Secretary, George Ames Chaplin. He presented that the Good Shepherds Association and the Maces Lane Alumni are sharing equal administration for this project. The Committee has met the Easter Shore Delegation; Senator Addie Eckardt, Delegates Chris Adams, Johnny Mautz, and Sheree Sample-Hughes. They have applied for grants \$5,000 Mid Shore Regional Council, African American Heritage Grant \$100,000 for 5 years. Working with DPL on energy incentive programs, i.e. gyrothermal systems, solar panels, etc. Parking lot doesn't meet City of Cambridge zoning for the use of the building, however they hope to make an agreement with the Board of Education to use the Middle School parking lot when school is not in session. They have also met with YMCA, Robin Gill hope to establish a cooperative effort with after school programs, performing arts, IT, youth programs many others. City has contracted with LaSara Kinser to write three grants for assistance in the renovations of the facility.

Cold Weather Shelter: The Wesleyan Church that has housed the cold weather shelter for several years has advised that they can no longer provide this service. Salvation Army is a possibility, using the former Captain's house that is no longer occupied. There are no standing buildings in the Industrial Park for this use. We need to check zoning with Pat Escher to explore where zoning will allow this use.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC): Conservations have taken place about merging the City's & County's EOC for a more efficient operation during crises situations. Staffing is at a premium during these types of operations, and both agencies don't feel as though they can adequately staff two separate EOC's. However, combining efforts would accomplish all staffing goals and needs. The training room at the City's Public Safety Building would be an ideal location. The room is larger than the County's EOC, it was designed and configured for such an operation but needs to be upgraded. The County has access to funding to upgrade the training room - approx. funding available \$160,000 to \$250,000. The City & County would need to enter into a long-term MOU with no out option for the City or County minimum 15 year agreement

preferred 20 years. County Attorney Thomas Merryweather will draft an MOU to accomplish this goal, will be reviewed by City Attorney Chip Macleod. Once both agencies attorneys have completed the agreement the concept will be brought forward to both Council's for consideration for approval. Maryland Emergency Management Agency will have to sign off on the agreement.

Iron Man Maryland: Event is next weekend attendance is down this year approx. 1,300 athletes registered. Over the past two years weather has caused issues and athletes are concerned to come here however weather looks really promising for this year's event.

Radio Changeover: The contract to change over from the current system to the 700 mhz from the present 800 mhz system is anticipated to cost in the range of upwards of \$8.5 million. There seems to be some confusion as to the number of radios that will need to be replaced vs. upgrading. Originally it was thought that allot of the City's radios were upgradeable however after further conservation they may not be, this will have to be reviewed further. County has not decided who will be responsible for the radio replacement and/or upgrade. There's a possibility of staying with our current 800 mhz system, doing some upgrading of the current equipment, and be a standalone system what could cross over, with a cost somewhere in the \$5 million range, however this does have its limitations. With the upgrade, the County is also looking at changing its reporting system which is being explored by staff for a report and recommendation.

Sailwinds: Secretary Holt has brought two developers to view the City, Hospital, and surrounding property to obtain their perspective. The hospital property defiantly needs to be a part of the overall project. With the hospitals time to relocate will drive our ability to move our project forward, so the 15-year time limit set by the State of Maryland in the transfer agreement maybe inadequate. Sailwinds committee would like for Mayor Jackson-Stanley, & Ms. Tripp-Jones to schedule a meeting with Governor Hogan and others to discuss Sailwinds project along with other topics. The wharf renovation project is on schedule with its anticipated completion by December 31st, with the exception of the planting of the trees.