

Summary of Participant Input and Comment

Brooklyn Park Small Area
 Brooklyn Park Middle School
 May 14, 2019

Total attendees: 10

Activity 1: SAP/GDP Recommendation Dot Exercise

Transportation

Brooklyn Park Small Area Plan Recommendation	2019 Status and Explanation	Rank Order Votes Received				
		1	2	3	4	Total Votes Received
<p>Study alternatives and allocate resources to provide road and/or intersection improvements at the following locations where safety is an issue: a.) Belle Grove Road and 10th Avenue: The angle of this intersection creates a dangerous situation. Determine whether the intersection can be realigned to improve the sight distance; b.) Ritchie Highway and Church Street: Turning movements at this intersection are dangerous, where traffic enters Ritchie Highway from Church Street and from the shopping center on the west side of Ritchie Highway. Determine feasible improvements to improve capacity and safety; c.) Hammonds Lane just west of Ritchie Highway: Provide improvements at the entrance to both the Southview Shopping Center and the Rite Aid parking lot to improve access, traffic flow, and safety in this area; d.) 6th Avenue at Belle Grove Road across from the Belle Grove Elementary School: Poor sight distance is an issue at this intersection. Study this corridor to identify capacity and safety improvements; e.) Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard and Belle Grove Road: Determine whether traffic calming measures are appropriate and can be installed to reduce speeding on Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.</p>	<p>Partially implemented. Improvements on Hammonds Lane west of Ritchie Highway were required as mitigation for the Cedar Hill development in progress, and were coordinated with improvements done at the entrance to the Woodfall Greens development. The Cedar Hill developer was also required to provide improvements at the Ritchie Highway intersection with Arundel Corporation Road. Intersection improvements have not been completed at the other locations.</p>	2	0	1	0	3

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Continue to participate in and promote the State Highway Administration's planning efforts for improvements to Belle Grove Road. Improvements needed include traffic calming, drainage improvements, resurfacing, lighting, and pedestrian crossings.	Not implemented. State road improvements for Belle Grove Road will need to be added to the County's annual priority letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation.	0	0	2	1	3
Improve pedestrian access to the Light Rail Stations: a.) Improve pedestrian crossings at the intersection of MD 170 and Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard; b.) Provide a pedestrian connection from the Pumphrey community to the Nursery Road Station.	Partially implemented. The Anne Arundel County Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan designated these roads for improvements and they will be addressed in priority order as funding becomes available. The crosswalks were painted on south side of this intersection.	1	0	0	2	3
In conjunction with the State Highway Administration, provide adequate road shoulders or designated bike lanes to accommodate bicyclists along Ritchie Highway, Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, and Church Street.	Partially implemented. These are all State Highway Administration maintained roads. Where not implemented, the location would need to be added to the County's annual priority letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation. County Capital Improvement Program project H563700 has been established to contribute the County's share of the cost for these improvements. The Anne Arundel County Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan designated these roads for improvements and they will be addressed in priority order as funding becomes available.	0	3	0	0	3

Community Facilities:

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		1	2	Total Votes Received
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Provide restroom facilities, concession facilities, and lighting for the ball fields and courts in Brooklyn Park #2.	Not implemented. Field redevelopment / activity shifted to Brooklyn Park I. Monitoring of park usage in Brooklyn Park continues with user group to determine if modifications are warranted. Upgrades will rely on citizen input during the update to the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.	4	0	4

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Continue planning and design efforts for provision of a bike trail along Belle Grove Road which would connect to the BWI Trail in Linthicum.	Partially implemented. There is currently a trail from Linthicum to 10th Avenue. The Office of Transportation is studying the possibility of providing a facility along 10th Avenue to Morgan Road, paralleling MD 2 until further north and then extending to MD 2 into Baltimore City.	1	1	2

Other:

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Brooklyn Heights Opportunity Area Concept Design (see pages 33-46): Phase I proposes improvements at Brooklyn Park Plaza; streetscaping, landscaping and signage at the 11th Ave and Ritchie Highway intersection; and improvements to the Ballman Court area including a park, sidewalks, and home renovations. Phase II proposes longer term commercial redevelopment along Ritchie Highway.	Partially implemented. Related to Phase I concepts, the County is undertaking condemnation procedures to acquire the Ballman Court open space through ACDS Inc. using County and BRNI funds. Once ownership is achieved, a final design will be completed to develop a small neighborhood park and to complete sidewalks around the park. ACDS has also used it's Property Rehabilitation Program to improve several of the rowhomes along Ballman Court and will continue to target this area for rehabs as properties become available, using architectural design standards established for this neighborhood. Regarding the Phase II concept, market conditions in the area have not prompted a level of redevelopment along the Ritchie Highway corridor that would support a scale of renovation involving complete reconstruction of large commercial buildings. However, some progress has occurred on individual sites. The old Southview Shopping Center which was vacant for many years is being redeveloped with new residential apartments and retail pad sites. It is hoped that this will serve as a catalyst to prompt additional redevelopment along the corridor. The County and AAEDC will continue to market technical and financial assistance programs in this area.	1	0	0	0	1
Determine whether improvements to stormwater management can be made in the Lynnbrook community to reduce erosion problems in local drainage channels.	Partially implemented. Two stormwater restoration projects have been identified. The Sunnyfield Outfall Regenerative Step Pool Conveyance was completed in 2005 and the Manor House Lane/Sunnyfield Lane Pond is currently in progress.	0	1	0	0	1

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Identify large parking lots in the Planning Area that are underutilized, and work with property owners using voluntary mechanisms to encourage replacement of excessive impervious areas with landscaping or green areas.	Not implemented.	0	3	1	0	4
Work with MD Department of Natural Resources staff to determine the feasibility of providing a public parking area for the Patapsco Valley State Park and discourage users from parking along Belle Grove Road.	Not implemented.	0	0	1	1	2

2009 GDP:

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Land Use and Zoning								
Conduct a study of former landfill sites to confirm their current status, and to assess their current and future suitability for development. Develop a Closed Landfills Map.	No progress to date	3	2					5
Amend the development and permit applications review procedures for properties located on or adjacent to former landfill sites, and require applications to be sent to MDE, Health Department and DPW for review and comments.	No progress to date.	1	1					2

Community Revitalization

<p>Establish criteria to be used in defining a neighborhood as unique, distinct or historic for purposes of establishing a Neighborhood Conservation District program.</p>	<p>On hold. Planning and Zoning reviewed case studies of Neighborhood Conservation Districts in other local jurisdictions as well as sample ordinances. Due to the scale of this project combined with staff reductions, this effort was put on hold. Significant community outreach will be required to initiate, develop and implement this type of program which would ultimately require legislation to establish overlay zones. The priority needs to be examined further during the 2019 GDP update.</p>	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<p>Based on established criteria, identify neighborhoods or communities that qualify as a Neighborhood Conservation district.</p>	<p>On hold. Planning and Zoning reviewed case studies of Neighborhood Conservation Districts in other local jurisdictions as well as sample ordinances. Due to the scale of this project combined with staff reductions, this effort was put on hold. Significant community outreach will be required to initiate, develop and implement this type of program which would ultimately require legislation to establish overlay zones. The priority needs to be examined further during the 2019 GDP update.</p>	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<p>Establish a community outreach process to be used in developing Neighborhood Conservation criteria, standards, and districts.</p>	<p>On hold. Planning and Zoning reviewed case studies of Neighborhood Conservation Districts in other local jurisdictions as well as sample ordinances. Due to the scale of this project combined with staff reductions, this effort was put on hold. Significant community outreach will be required to initiate, develop and implement this type of program which would ultimately require legislation to establish overlay zones. The priority needs to be examined further during the 2019 GDP update.</p>	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

Establish objectives and design standards applicable to designated Neighborhood Conservation Districts.	On hold. Planning and Zoning reviewed case studies of Neighborhood Conservation Districts in other local jurisdictions as well as sample ordinances. Due to the scale of this project combined with staff reductions, this effort was put on hold. Significant community outreach will be required to initiate, develop and implement this type of program which would ultimately require legislation to establish overlay zones. The priority needs to be examined further during the 2019 GDP update.	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Develop legislation to create Neighborhood Conservation overlay districts and associated design standards and/or guidelines.	On hold. Planning and Zoning reviewed case studies of Neighborhood Conservation Districts in other local jurisdictions as well as sample ordinances. Due to the scale of this project combined with staff reductions, this effort was put on hold. Significant community outreach will be required to initiate, develop and implement this type of program which would ultimately require legislation to establish overlay zones. The priority needs to be examined further during the 2019 GDP update.	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Create a Housing Trust Fund with a dedicated funding source to provide financing to improve, preserve and increase the workforce housing stock.	No progress to date.	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Natural Resources								
Evaluate the possibility of requiring a fee to be paid and placed in a natural resource restoration fund, when approving modifications in sensitive areas.	No progress to date. Fees for modification applications, along with most other development application and permitting fees, are placed into the County's general operating budget. However, Forest Conservation fee-in-lieu and Open Space fee-in-lieu funds can be used for land acquisition and preservation purposes.	0	3	0				3
Inventory and map potential areas for future mineral extractions.	No progress to date.	0	0	3				3
Consider the use of tax credits to encourage soft tidal edge erosion control techniques such as marsh planting.	No progress to date.	3	0	0				3

Transportation							
Prepare a comprehensive study of Park and Ride lots to assess supply, demand, and improvements needed.	No progress to date. Funding has been allocated through BMC and will require coordination with MTA and BMC. The Office of Transportation's Rideshare Coordinator will be conducting regular surveys of Park and Ride lots utilization to identify areas of need and future demand.	1	1	0	0		2
Conduct feasibility study for the extension of light rail to other areas of the County.	No progress. This was discussed during the past two updates to the Transit Development Plan, but public support for Light Rail extension has been lacking. Planning efforts have focused on other aspects of transit planning including bus transit and ridesharing.	0	0	1	0		1
Study the feasibility of adding stations on the commuter rail line.	No progress to date. This idea has been discussed by the County and MTA and may be studied in the future. The current priority is to make improvements at existing stations.	0	0	0	1		1
Revise the Impact Fee Program to allow a portion of transportation impact fees to be dedicated for expansion or improvements to public transit	No progress to date. Currently development impact fees must be used for capital improvements that will expand the capacity of the public facility. Expansion of the capacity of a road includes extensions, widening, intersection improvements, upgrading signalization, improving pavement conditions, and all other road and intersection capacity enhancements.	1	1	0	0		2

Activity 2: Vision Exercise (written responses)

What is special about your community?

- Location
- We are in the middle of Pumphrey & Linbrook
- Established | Close to City | Affordable
- Proximity to transportation routes (695, 95, etc) , airport, and Balto and Annapolis
- The passion of the communities | the hometown feeling
- Close proximity to 695, and Baltimore

What has changed in the last 15 years?

- Not much
- Crime and the lack of amenities for our community
- Traffic is worse/congestion | overcrowding of schools | public education is lacking

- Decline in infrastructure | Road surfaces | Cleanliness | Quality of Life (there is now excessive noise from cars w/ loud mufflers, motorcycles, commercial vehicles parked in residential neighborhoods, excessive signage)
- Nothing according to AA Co | no walkability
- *No answer given*

What needs improvement?

- Crime | Schools | Amenities | More attention and funding from AA County & MD
- More parks and open space
- Access to rest of county | equal opportunities across county
- All of above and general improvements in aesthetics, even if it requires changes in zoning | Too many undesirable establishments everywhere | Enforce laws and ordinances that force residents to maintain properties better as well as business owners
- Future Belle Grove Park | Transportation | multi/inter-generational aspect of pulling services together | Walkability? | Communication between county agencies to not duplicate services | Parks/Rec
- Safety

What should your community look like in 20 years?

- Less crime | More community amenities
- Livable and safe
- Clean | Affordable | Educated | Work opportunities
- An appealing place to drive through that would encourage new home buyers and better retail
- No duplication of services – Parks/Rec/Senior | No food desert | Transportation from Pumphrey, Curtis Bay, Brooklyn to grocery stores and retail
- Improved Schools | Less Crime

Other Comments:

- *N/A*
- Please treat us like the rest of our great county
- Landscaping should be consistent throughout the county | Taxes spread evenly
- *N/A*
- I will advocate for the community | I love Brooklyn Park and overall community
- *N/A*

Activity 3: Community Boundary Review

- We would be better defined with our own zip code.
- [note on area north of Belle Grove Road] Pumphrey or Brooklyn Park?
- [note on area east of Harbor Tunnel Throughway] I am here: Low crime, needs better sidewalks and need commercial clean up.

Open Comment Session

What is special about your community?

- Lived in the County for over 30 years, has a business in the County
- Also has a business in the County. Business has been in the community for over 75 years.
- Purchased a property in the community
- Good location, very convenient to live and work

What has changed in the last 15 years?

- Traffic, especially at Richie Highway
- Crime
- Traffic in the area
- Crime has leveled off with attention in the Brooklyn Park area
- New Developments, residential developments – makes traffic even worse

What needs improvement?

- Option to commute different ways, multi modal, expanding choices
- Another Bay Bridge to improve traffic
- Requiring updates to traffic studies prior to approving developments. Prior developments that lay dormant that could come back without a new traffic study
- Additional Traffic Lanes. When I-97 was built there was no one on it and now 20-30 years later there needs to be more lanes
- The percent of traffic going through Anne Arundel is not from Anne Arundel. It's a growth County with an international airport, military bases, etc...
- Placing a bridge right next to the existing bridge
- Prefers the Baltimore option of the Bay Bridge proposals

What should your community look like in 20 years?

- Access is a positive
- Safety is a positive for the community
- The highway corridor needs to be cleaned up. It looks tired. This part of the county needs to look like the rest of the County.
- There was a beautification study/plan from the State but there was no funds to clean up Ritchie Highway.
- Arts District – Was ready to form an Arts District but was told to wait but would like to see the Arts District proposal come back for Brooklyn Park
- A lot of families, older established part of the County and would like to find a spot to take the family for a picnic. To have pedestrian access to outdoor space. There are underutilized parks in the community.

