

## GCCA Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. It was held in person and also on zoom.

### Administration

- Attendees: Dan Wilhelm, Marguerite Raaen, Dave Michaels, Noel Gregos, Ed Weiler, Bob Peters, Pat Corey, Ray Rye, Jay Hagler, Heather Phelps, Peter Myo Khin
- Approved Treasurers report
- Approved Minutes of September meeting
- Discussed update of the web page and working on a template due to difficulty with Google and Firefox having issues on on web pages being displayed.
- Because of accident on New Hampshire and East Shaw and the southern New Hampshire “Welcome” sign being damaged. That lead to a discussion of speed cameras. Temporary speed cameras and radar were possible solutions, but we were informed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> District was short on police due to the pandemic, police officers resigning and retiring, as well as lack of police applicants.

### East County Citizens Advisory Committee Report.

- It was also reported that crime was up as well as priority calls. And, the drag racing issues in Burtonsville was still an issue which involves racing on Rte. 29, and affects all surrounding areas.
- East County is to receive a Federal and State funding of \$46M for affordable housing.
- Redistricting involving State was brought up.
- There was a short discussion of some of the work Senator Will Smith is sponsoring and has involvement with including juvenile sentencing, early voting, financial support for child care, and policing issues
- And a short discussion took place on lack of expected revenue from sports betting.

Housing: The proposed residential zoning change for housing change to allow duplex and triplex of R90 and R200 properties was opposed by all present as a very poor way to create more affordable housing. Not only would it have a negative effect on property values, but it will most likely increase traffic congestion.

US29 BRT: There was little to report on the BRT except the US29 work was rejected.

Executive Support: A short discussion on County Executive Marc Elrich’s response was being publicly criticized for his lack of support for Viva White Oak and lack of support for the East County. It was pointed out that his support is lukewarm at best.

New Business: Under new business the maps for redistricting of Montgomery County are to be released soon and how having East County being one separate district could be beneficial.

Ongoing Business The topics listed under “on-going business” on the agenda are covered in the Clarion, which had been distributed before the meeting.

Submitted by Pat Corey