

April 30, 2018 RNA Meeting

Board present: Jon, Rebecca, Jen, Jackson, Shannon, Rachel

Members present: 16

Safety Report (Shannon)

- Sgt Green (southern district): remove items from vehicles, lock vehicles, check on elderly neighbors as the weather warms up
- monthly public safety walk 7pm on 2nd Mondays with BCPD
- Halloween incidents update (Jeff) 5 people charged (3 JV and 2 adult)- JV adjudication ended two weeks ago w/ a prelim ruling by Judge of guilty

BCPD (Shannon)

- community meetings re: consent degree and Dept. of Justice feedback on policies in draft form (available online)
- comments can be submitted online or at community meetings
- community survey passed around re: services and 911 responses

Candidate Speakers

BC Sheriff candidate- Stanley Brandford (Dem)

28 yrs BCPD, homicide detc

elected sheriff department is usually just involved in civil matters (law enforcement of the court)

office needs to do a lot more for the city

- plan to increase sheriff office by 40% (current budget is \$15 million w/ around 200 employees) within the first term of office to increase presence throughout the city
- reclassify clerical employees away from "deputy" titles
- dept is funded by state and city

current sheriff (Anderson) has not submitted a plan to the mayor to grow the office and crime impact of agency

- Anderson has not shown up for Mayor meetings

child support issue in city- use wrap around services more often where persons w/ outstanding warrants and overdue child support can show up to agree to pay, reentry programs, job training then warrants will be deferred

training opportunities w/ middle school cadet programs to grow community outreach
make the court a safe space with conflict resolutions and wrap around programs for kids

collective bargaining agreement for current staff

how to pay for proposals- move around current programs to make more sense, look for new grants

MD Senator Bill Ferguson- thank you for 8 years, team 46 is committed to this community

- Session update
Education

- re: cold temperatures in schools this year- 30 million emergency fund for building facilities was passed in response
- buildings are still very old and maintenance has been deferred too long
- Kirwin commission update: final report due end of Sept. 2018 to ensure MD schools are first class

Public Safety

- bill at end of session re: increase in law enforcement (quick fix) in lieu of community services for poverty
- Brooke Lieberman Bill- public health approach to crime working with former offenders with a sole goal of reducing gun violence
 - pilot programs in 4 sites will be increased to ten sites, increase outward bound w/ youth and BCPD, and increase penalties for repeat violent offenders carrying loaded firearm

Taxes

- Republic tax cuts federally will impact MD taxes, many bills introduced to deal with new tax system

Transportation

- La Mada Metro system funding increase in accompaniment with VA and DC
- w/ MTA increase in funding in city re: metro lines and failing baltimore link system

Question:

re: BC Judges and not being tough on crime

sentencing guideline constraints and plea agreements not within Judge discretion
witness issues and community trust of the system

re: police redistricting was not passed

States Attorney Candidate Thiru

son of city lifelong teachers (both parents), public school student, Yale undergrad, and Harvard Law, Editor of Law Review, clerked for US Supreme Court, BC State's attorney

Dept Attny General under Brain Frosh until recently and decided to step down due to city's crisis

Two policies statements online

- what happened?- convictions plummeted, 100 states attorney's left in a "mass exodus", the big cases were not being worked
- only candidate that has actually tried a murder, a wire tap case
- we have a concrete plan to cut murders in half by focusing on the most violence communities, reorganize office to model neighborhood prosecution programs, invest in comprehensive reentry programs

Central Committee (governing body of Democratic Party) Candidate Mark Edelston

Attorney and Canton Neighborhood Assn President

Support candidate and get the vote out

Clerk of Court Candidate Shanay Dunmore

Accountable, have the experience, and education. I have working relationships with city officials.

Increase jury pay goal. Implement a docketing standard. Start an efile system.
Increase awareness of clerk's vital functions

Parks (Jackson)

Saturday park clean up w/ Mayor's office (services provided) and combined with tree planting with sobo green coordination. Started cleaning up the park entrances

Month plans- entrance gardens, ornamental fence, girl scout planting plans and mulching activities in the works, pollinator garden clean up and re planted

No updates on exercise equipment install due to city employee left position
field renovations still up in air

Concert committee: bands and food trucks selected

Bikemore update: proposal to install cycle track from Riverside to harbor- meeting May 9 at avam 6:30 pm

Hanover st study reached conclusions: best option is to install bike and pedestrian lanes across bridge to link with middle branch park bike lane

RPP update (Jeff)

Parking zoning commission is checking pilot area to confirm it works

Will issue petitions in pilot (end of may) and have 120 days to finish petitions

Need volunteers to knock of doors to get petitions signed

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DNR Green Grant (\$5k)