

RNA Meeting, 5/18/20 (Virtual)

Board Present: John, Jen, Rebecca, Joelle, Jackson, Rachel, Jeff D

Members Present

FYI: Ballots are arriving slowly, but please get them in the mail asap!

FYI: Follow Mayor directives re: Cov-ID 19 announcements which is primary, over state guidance

Robbyn Lewis, Delegate Report

- Co-Sponsored Bills which passed:

- 1) HB 1430 protects workers in MD from healthcare related debt collection by expanding access to hospital's financial assistant to avoid excessive garnishments of wages and property liens
- 2) HB 915 facility fee right to know act. Outpatient facilities must tell patients that they may be subject to facility fees that may not be covered by insurance

Brooke Lieberman, Delegate Report

- Co-Sponsored Bills, which passed House but not Senate due to Cov-ID early release

- 1) Transit funding bill and 2) House passed plastic bag bill

Bills which passed-

- 1) Blueprint for MD future, which had bipartisan support, but was Vetoed by Hogan

- 2) HB 1 Built to learn- invest capital \$ in facilities, vetoed by Hogan

- Monday emails (sign up on website), plus subject matter webinars briefings on Tuesdays on a variety of subjects on the website

Luke Clippinger, Delegate Report- Chair of the House Judiciary Committee

- In hearings recently on Juvenile and Public Safety Agencies related to Cov-ID due to juveniles and employees testing positive. Moving and releasing incarcerated people who are older or close to end of sentences. But there needs to be adequate testing, and committee is closely monitoring

- HB 40 Prosecutors can enter early statements from witnesses if there is evidence that there may have been subsequent Witness Intimidation

- Ongoing study on firearm crime

- Passed criminal justice legislation, but vetoed by Hogan

- Newsletter sign up on website

Question: What will classrooms look like in September? There is no more information than what has been released. BCPS Town Hall with Dr. Santelises on Facebook on 5/19/20

Question: Will Rec and Parks open the pool? Do not know.

Question: Masks when out in public including outside your home? Always strive to protect yourself and others. If you are more than 6ft from another human, you are not risk of exposing or being exposed, but if you are w/in 6ft of another person, you should wear a mask

Question: related to state budgets and lack of federal assistance, how is the MD state budget doing? It is not great, but not dire. However, biggest source of revenue are sales and income tax and these are being drastically impacted by the shut down. Brooke wrote an oped in The Hill on the subject.

Public Safety Report, Jeff Dewberry

- since 5/1 there have been 3 larcenies from auto

Question: is this normal? No, trending way down because people are not moving around and there are less chances for victims

Question: sound from surveillance plane? Plane flies 3000-10,000 feet above the city in an orbital pattern and taking video/pictures as it flies. This is a trial program. BCPD does not see camera feed live, but it used subsequently after a crime occurs. Targeting violent crime right now.

Question: increase bike theft last month by juveniles, what is the best way to secure your bike? Please lock your bike even when on your property/garage/ patio ect. Get a Ulock, not a chain.

Friends of Riverside Park, Jackson

- BIG thank you to Jeff Dewberry for renting a tractor and mowing the grass at the park
- Permits and Pool? Rec n Parks is developing policies on Cov-Id and there will not be any significant gatherings at the parks/ gazebos
- Field renvo are not impacted by Cov- id!
- Flower beds have been mulched
- Large tree that lost a branch has become a hazard and inspectors have recommended it for removal. This will happen w/in the next 30 days.
- Street tree work that involves non hazards is on hold

Question: Patterson Park has a demand for open space and there is a lack of social distancing. Is Riverside having the same issue? Yes. Larger and larger groups are gathering when the weather is nice. The police are patrolling.

- Robbyn- slow streets pilot has been approved by Mayor for Lake Montebello. Close a few blocks from traffic for walking, playing, and having more room. Does Riverside want a pilot? Contact Robbyn for more info on how to implement.

Riverside Radio Event, Rebecca

- Great success! Have 148 unique IP users at peak time, and steady 60-85 throughout time slot. Lots of song requests and neighbor shout outs were made. Local business were able to submit free ads. Audio messages from delegates.

Questions: Max Reed- mentoring a West Baltimore 11<sup>th</sup> grader and having issues getting him a job. Idea to create a non profit to hire young teens to clean front marble steps for a nominal fee. Feedback on the idea? Sounds like an interesting idea. There are probably a few people who are interested.

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