

**CITY OF ANNAPOLIS
Standing Committee Agenda
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ID-44-17 – Public Safety, Health, Education, and Career Development Plan—
“One Annapolis: Moving in a New Direction”**

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017

June 2016-Present

- **June 14, 2016 - Meeting with the City and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)**
- Meeting with Mayor Pantelides and Alderwoman Pindell Charles, and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) Superintendent Dr. George Arlotto and Executive Director of Equity and Accelerated Student Achievement Anthony Alston, regarding “One Annapolis: Moving in a New Direction”—22 initiatives submitted, including the Community Ambassadors program, the Stanton Community Center’s Open Gym Nights, the Summer Mobile Reading Program, Annapolis High School’s Black History Club, National Pan-Hellenic Council (11 fraternities and sororities) of Anne Arundel County, City of Annapolis’ African-American Community Relations and Outreach Coordinator, etc.

- **Community Ambassadors program (Annapolis High School)**
- Originally developed by Alderwoman Pindell Charles and AACPS Pupil Personnel Worker Sharon Mackell in 2006
- **Explanation and Duties:**
- A person who has been deeply embedded into a challenged community, being assigned to such a community, to act as an educational bridge and communicator between the students, the school, the parents/caregivers, and the community
- On a daily basis, walks the school’s hallways, sits and talks with students in the cafeteria, communicates with the teachers and administrators, regarding the students’ progress and educational needs
- When and if necessary, rides the bus with the students
- Provides assistance to the parents/caregivers of other children in the household who attend other Annapolis feeder schools—elementary and middle
- **6 Community Ambassadors**, 6 hours per day, \$10.00 per hour
- **Assignments to our public housing and low income housing communities, as well as to some of our challenged communities (15):**
- **1 - Eastport Terrace and Harbour House:** Ms. Sandra “Tippy” Johnson (since 2006)
- **2 - Newtowne 20 and Woodside Gardens:** Ms. Daphne Howard (since 2006)
- **3 - Robinwood**
- **4 - Bywater Mutual Homes**
- **5 - College Creek Terrace, O’bery Court, Bloomsbury Square, and Timothy Gardens** (all 4 of these communities are neighboring communities)

- **6 - Annapolis Gardens and Bay Ridge Gardens** (overseen by the same management company) and **Admiral Oaks**
 - **Note:** Admiral Oaks has a significant Latino population, which I am confident that the AACPS English Language Learners (**ELL**)/English Speakers of Other Languages (**ESOL**) Liaisons are currently working admirably with these students and families (as well as in the communities of **Allen Apartments** and **Admiral Farragut**). The remaining students and families in Admiral Oaks, however, would have the benefit of working with a Community Ambassador.
 - The City and AACPS are in the process of entering into an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) whereby the City is willing to be financially responsible for 4 Community Ambassadors, 6 hours per day, \$10.00 per hour, 15 weeks, from Wednesday, March 1, 2017- Wednesday, June 14, 2017, inclusive, to be assigned/report to Annapolis High School, **\$18,000.00 total**
 - **Note: Discussions regarding the Community Ambassadors program for the 2017-18 school year will commence after July 1, 2017**
 - **Note: And we are looking to hire at least 2 males**
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- **Black History Club, Annapolis High School**
 - In the Summer 2016, Alderwoman Pindell Charles was asked by the Advisor Ms. Odessa Ellis to develop a year-long weekly “curriculum” for the Club, September 2016-June 2017, which she did
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- **Community Ambassadors program (Georgetown East Elementary School)**
 - **Explanation and Duties:**
 - A person who has been deeply embedded into a challenged community, being assigned to such a community, to act as an educational bridge and communicator between the students, the school, the parents/caregivers, and the community
 - Works with the approximately 40 students who reside in the Newtowne 20 community, as well as their parents/caregivers, and the community
 - On a daily basis, walks the school’s hallways, sits and talks with students in the cafeteria, communicates with the teachers and administrators, regarding the students’ progress and educational needs
 - When and if necessary, rides the bus with the students
 - Ensure that a consistent mental health component is embedded into the services provided to the students and their families
 - **1 Community Ambassador**, 4 hours per day, \$10.00 per hour
 - The City and AACPS are in the process of entering into an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) whereby the City is willing to be financially responsible for 1 Community Ambassador, 4 hours per day, \$10.00 per hour, 15 weeks, from March 1, 2017-June 14, 2017, to be assigned to Georgetown East Elementary School, **\$3,000.00 total**
 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles has notified the Principal regarding this initiative
 - **Note: Discussions regarding the Community Ambassadors program for the 2017-18 school year will commence after July 1, 2017**

- **City-Wide, Crisis Response Team**
- On December 21, 2016, the City Manager, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, and the Director of the Anne Arundel County’s Crisis Response System Jen Corbin met to discuss how the City can utilize the Crisis Response Team’s services, especially in our City’s most challenged communities
- Currently, the City and the CRS are in the process of entering into an agreement where the City would be financially responsible for securing some of the CRS’s services, especially for our most challenged communities

- **City-wide, Annapolis City Police Department (APD), Celebrating 150 Years, 1867-2017: "Committed to your safety since 1867 and a renewed commitment to your communities in 2017"**
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles initially met with Cpl. Amy Miguez on August 17, 2017 regarding some possible activities, events, and initiatives in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the APD
- They have scheduled and planned an extremely robust list of activities, events, programs, and initiatives for 2017, with much of the focus on our challenged communities’ children, students, and families
- The APD is continuing to participate in many of the programs that they initiated, including the “Character Counts” program at Georgetown East Elementary School

- **City-wide, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Annapolis feeder system, 2016—*“pre-150th Anniversary of the APD”, Student and Community Holiday activities and events, December 2016***
- **Elementary School Students**
- As is their usual practice, our APD attended and participated in many holiday parties, especially for those children and students who reside in our most challenged communities
- Many of the toys that the APD provided to the children came from the very generous Toys for Tots warehouse, overseen by Anne Arundel County Councilman Pete Smith
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- **Middle School Students**
- Our APD greeted students as they dismounted their buses, within our most challenged communities, and provided each of them with a holiday greeting card and a candy cane from the Mayor and Alderpersons, as well as the card being signed by several local churches and organizations
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- **Annapolis High School (AHS) Students**
- Initiated by AHS’s Black History Club and their Advisor, our City provided a full course catered meal for the students who participate in the weekly Help Days support program—many of whom reside in our City’s most challenged communities
- The APD provided each of them with a holiday greeting card and a candy cane from the Mayor and Alderpersons, as well as the card being signed by several local churches and organizations
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- **Note: The City plans to continue to sponsor these 3 events for the End of the School Year Celebration in June 2017 and the Holiday Celebration in December 2017**

- **Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) (public housing)**
- The City provided and delivered a holiday greeting card and a coil wrist key chain to each of the 790 HACA households
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- **Low Income Housing/Challenged Communities**
- The APD provided and delivered a large holiday greeting card to be posted in each of the 8 low income housing communities'/most challenged communities' rental offices—Admiral Farragut (and in Spanish), Admiral Oaks (and in Spanish), Allen Apartments (and in Spanish), Annapolis Gardens, Bay Ridge Gardens, Bywater Mutual Homes, College Creek Terrace-O'Bery Court Community Center, and Woodside Gardens
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- **Note: The City plans to continue to sponsor these 2 initiatives for the Holiday Celebration in December 2017**
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- **City-wide, Street Corner Ministries Coalition**
- An initiative that began in May 2016, Annapolis houses of worship are strongly encouraged to: “Formally adopt” and to provide, on a monthly and consistent basis, worship services either “on the street” or in the community center of these challenged communities; and develop and formally publish a list of outreach services that they provide and can provide to these communities. (Eventually, creating “an App for that” would be ideal because everyone has a phone.)
- The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Eastport Terrace-Harbour House Community Center
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- **City-wide, National League of Cities—*Let's Move!* Cities and Towns and Counties All Stars**
- Through the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, our challenged communities will be engaged in the “Community Gardens/Urban Agriculture” component of the *Let's Move!* Program
- More information is forthcoming
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- **City-wide, “Pass, Pick and Play” program**
- Through the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, on April 1, 2017, there will be a distribution of slightly used athletic and sports equipment for players and families who may not be able to afford new equipment
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- **City-wide, Box of Rain, “Charting Careers” program**
- The Box of Rain's Charting Careers program is designed to fulfill its mission: To nurture self-esteem and a sense of self-worth through accomplishment; develop life skills that strengthen character and opportunities for social engagement; encourage civic responsibility that leads to positive contributions to our community; and create pathways to independence and career success
- The Annapolis Middle School group meets on Mondays after school, 3:15-4 p.m.; the elementary school program at Woodside Gardens meets on Wednesdays after school at the Woodside Community Association computer room at 711 Newtowne Drive, 3:15-4 p.m. These group sessions will be meeting throughout March. The last session ends April 5. They will also have a

group starting at Georgetown East Elementary School in April for 6 weeks.

- Alderwoman Pindell Charles plans to observe a session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017
- **Note: The Executive Director Karen Colburn has extended an open invitation to the Mayor and City Council to observe the program in action**

- **City-wide, National Sailing Hall of Fame, Annapolis**

- On February 10, 2017, Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles met with member Lee Tawney regarding opportunities for City youth to participate in some of their programs
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles has contacted City Recreation and Parks Acting Director Archie Trader and HACA Recreation Director Leron Fisher regarding the participation of some of their students in the NSHF; awaiting a response

- **City-wide, Marine and Maritime Career Fair, Annapolis High School**

- Alderwoman Pindell Charles attended the Fair at Annapolis High School on Saturday, February 25, 2017
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles spoke briefly with AACPS' David Fawley, Marine Technology Instructor, Center of Applied Technology-South (CAT-S) regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss Annapolis High School students becoming more involved in this trade
- Mr. Fawley was employed previously by Chesapeake Light Craft in Ward 3
- Note: Also being discussed and explored is a "permanent educational and career building high school component" for Annapolis High School that will be initiated by the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation

- **City-wide, College Fair, AACC**

- All students will be encouraged to attend this Fair on Thursday, March 9, 6-8 p.m., AACC

- **Specifically, Newtowne 20 and Woodside Gardens communities**

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- **Hands of Hope, Inc.**

- This program addresses relationships for girls and boys ages 12-18
- This program began on February 2, 2017
- On February 1, 2017, Alderwoman Pindell Charles was invited by the Executive Director to attend the initial meeting on February 2

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- **Anne Arundel County, Department of Health, Strengthening Families Program**

- A (free) intensive 14 week session program which provides, on a weekly basis, a complimentary full course meal for parents/caregivers and their families; the families then split up into 5 groups by age (adults, ages 2 to 4, elementary, middle, and high school, for counseling and support, and the children work on their 14-week projects); each group reports out at the end of each night; and at graduation, the children present and explain their projects, and there are 2 graduation speakers (Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Maryland State Delegate Mark Chang speak at a school located in West County that has hosted Strengthening Families for the past 4 years)

- This 14 week program can be implemented for \$15,000—the City is willing to support it financially 50%, with the remaining 50% coming from the County Health Department
- A mental health component can be infused into this program
- The City is waiting to hear back from the Anne Arundel County Department of Health’s Health Officer; an e-mail was forwarded on February 12, 2017
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- **Counseling and Therapy Services**
- On January 16, 2017, Alderwoman Pindell Charles briefly met with Mr. Clifford Fields, a member of a local Annapolis church, Beacon Light Seventh Day Adventist Church in Ward 3, regarding his desire to provide counseling services to residents of the Newtowne 20 and Woodside Gardens communities
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Mr. Fields plan to follow-up with a telephone conversation on the evening of February 28, 2017
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- **Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Anne Arundel County**
- The OIC will begin a GED Prep Course for no more than 15 students
- The City is awaiting final word from OIC and/or the new Woodside Gardens’ Social Services Director Mr. Curtis Johnson regarding when this program will begin
- Mr. Ed Greene is the Executive Director of OIC
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles initially met with Mr. Greene on June 23, 2016
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles has notified the Principal regarding this opportunity for our adults
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- **Queens of the Future Empowerment Program**
- This program is being implemented through the City’s Recreation and Parks Department
- This program will address issues faced by adolescent girls ages 7-17
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles met briefly with the new Social Services Director for Woodside Gardens on February 2, 2017
- A follow-up meeting is scheduled on March 3, 2017 with Mr. Johnson, Acting Recreation and Parks Director Archie Trader, and Alderwoman Pindell Charles
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- **Free Transportation/City Shuttle Service for Children to be able to avail themselves of the activities and events at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center**
- Mr. Johnson asked Alderwoman Pindell Charles if she could assist with this endeavor
- The City Manager and City Transportation Director have been notified; we are awaiting the City Manager’s return from vacation on March 5, 2017
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles and the City’s Director of Transportation briefly met on February 27, 2017 regarding a preliminary plan to implement this initiative
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- **Home Ownership**
- Mr. Curtis Johnson is also pursuing opportunities for residents who may qualify to purchase homes
- Alderwoman Pindell Charles invited Mr. Johnson to attend the “Keys to Affordable Housing” Workshop/Seminar at St. John Neuman/St. Mary’s Catholic Church, which is sponsored by GAIN (Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network), on March 9, 2017, and the City of Annapolis will be actively participating at this event

- **Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA)**
- As of Friday, February 10, 2017, Mr. Chip Doordan is now serving as the Acting Executive Director for HACA for the next 100 days
- We are looking forward to swift and positive changes emanating from his administration

- **Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation (AAWDC), Annapolis Office**
- On February 9, 2017, several City officials, along with the City Manager and Alderwoman Pindell Charles, met with a representative from the AAWDC for the purpose of securing office space for them in the City, staffed by an AAWDC Workforce Specialist
- AAWDC has been provided a copy of our City’s standard lease agreement and they are currently reviewing it
- AAWDC toured the possible office space on February 16, 2017
- AAWDC has built an extremely robust organization within our County that offers a plethora of programs to adults as well as students—educational and career building
- Also being discussed and explored is a “permanent educational and career building high school component” for Annapolis High School students
- AAWDC, along with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, were responsible for hosting the City’s first ever, and extremely successful, Adult Job Fairs in June 2016 and October 2016; and the next one may be scheduled for the Fall 2017
- Preliminary plans are being made for the hosting of an ex-offenders Job Fair/Hiring Event in the City in the Summer 2017—a first

- **BGE**
- On February 15, 2017, the City Manager and Alderwoman Pindell Charles met with BGE’s Regional External Affairs Manager regarding a possible partnership
- Several possible projects were discussed
- BGE has scheduled a series of meetings within their organization to discuss possible partnership opportunities with the City