COMMUNITIES FIRST FORUMS
Date: October 1, 2018
Location: Historic Baldwin Hall


Elected Officials / Candidates Present: Heather Bagnall, Tracy Hovermale, Pam Luby, Eve Hurwitz, Lisa Rodvien, Melissa Ellis, Anne Colt Leitess

94 citizens attended 28 attendees shared concerns and ideas #14 of 17 Community Forums

Session Summary: With the largest turnout of all Communities First Forums, the residents of Crownsville and surrounding areas expressed concerns about development and traffic, plus the need to protect existing open spaces. It was recognized that public transportation may never be extended to the region, but by expanding mobility parameters, those needing transportation can be served. “Resident-only” roads could reduce frustration and increase public safety during the Renaissance Festival, plus re-activating lights on weekends can help slow traffic.

Most residents were concerned about the fate of the Crownsville Hospital Center and the county’s lack of desire for community input. Attendees were presented with a potential plan for the site, described as an eyesore and liability, that retains space for existing non-profits, preserves green space, and generates revenue with low environmental impact by installing solar farms. Another suggestion was to integrate the site into a current project to build trails and promote “human-powered activities” throughout the area with no cost to the county. Ideas for funding the project and a feasibility study were brought forth by participants, several who expressed a belief that citizens can make a different in the future of Crownsville and the county.

Other Topics of Concern:
- Preserving the County Fair

Communities First Forums are being held in 17 different locations throughout Anne Arundel County. The county’s next 20-year General Development Plan is due to be completed in 2019. When elected as your next County Executive, Steuart Pittman will ensure that communities have a say in their future and in the 2019 plan. To send additional comments, contact us at info@pittmanforpeople.com.

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