

Eastport Working Together Session – October 3, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present – Police officers, residents from Harbour House and Eastport Terrace and their neighbors, HACA Board members, ED, property manager, and Jen Corbin from the Anne Arundel Crisis Response System. Attendance was about 50 people.

Lieutenant Kevin Krauss opened the meeting by explaining that the police department organized this meeting because the city council meeting was so well attended after the recent homicide in the area. We gathered people to work together on the issues facing our community. We want to be here with the community. At this meeting we want to ask everyone to identify problems and issues they see in our community and possible solutions. People split into groups to focus on issues and solutions in five different categories.

The categories were:

- Jobs – barriers to working
- Safety – violence, crime
- Education – access to, types
- Community Services - maintenance, activities
- Social Services - mental health, drugs, parenting

The small groups worked together and then presented their work to the whole group.

JOBS – barriers to working

Issues/Problems	Solutions
Job training	Many programs available through AACC (HCAT, CAN, GNA, Hospital Tech), but restart CDL classes and offer construction careers training, many GED programs available
Criminal background	Expungement specialists are at Maryland Workforce Exchange, but no Annapolis job center, Federal bonding is available for those with bad credit
Transportation	Help with extending service time, for example Target closes at 11pm, after the buses stop running
Teen job programs	Teen jobs through Maryland Workforce Development are offered based on family income and has firm cut off dates for applying. Open it up
Life essentials	Domestic skills like cooking, sewing, job skills like grooming, resume development, interview skills
Child care	Facilities with extended hours

SAFETY – violence, crime

Issues/Problems	Solutions
Gun violence	Check IDs, issue community IDs, parking permits, enforce parking permits, residents only parking on Madison and President St parking lots, and residential parking areas on Medgar Evers Street, Frederick Douglass Street
Gambling	
Drugs	
Non-residents visitors	
Non-residents residents	

Education – access to, types

Issues/Problems	Solutions
Transportation to elementary and middle school	Obtain buses for kids and improve sidewalks and lighting, sufficient crossing guards – Board of Education, Public Works, and community working together, map of safe routes
Computer access	For community education, find providers of hardware and software and teachers to lead classes, computer literacy
Adult educational needs	Provide flexible classes for what community needs, library access/mini library branch, parenting classes with ways to bring in parents, financial literacy
Language barriers	Provide opportunities in English and Spanish

Social Services – mental health, drugs, parenting

Issues/Problems	Solutions
After school programs, K-5 th	Elevate Church – volunteers
Literacy issues	Encourage reading
Mental health	
Fear of losing housing if they identify issues	Culturally relevant materials
Transportation	Adult & continuing education programs
Parenting skills	Publicizing resources
Neighborhood too big/open	Crisis intervention team & follow up
Outside troublemakers coming in	Using APD van and other civic groups for transportation
	Onsite AACO Department Health Clinic or resources
	Coordination between third party groups (platform?)
	Faith-based groups
	Utilize Harbour House gym
	Gate the community

Community Services – maintenance, activities

Issues/Problems	Solutions
EPT – run down, need floor tiles, better windows/doors, carpet, flooding	

outside, cockroaches, locks on doors, lighting, broken windows in computer lab at community center	
Kids – fix playground, after school activities, but the kids don't come	Coordinate with schools and other providers Create linkages with other community activities
Trash – all over the streets	Need trash cans on the street and at bus stops Education about recycling
Activities for young parents	
Parenting classes are not attended	
Biggest issue is violence	
Non-residents hanging out on HACA property	

Lieutenant Krauss closed the meeting. We hope to continue this process with future meetings. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in the same location. We would like someone else in the community to lead this group, in future meetings perhaps a community member will facilitate. Who should be on the list to attend the next meeting? What groups or organizations? What resources does the community need?

Suggestions of people to attend the next meeting included the Mayor's community liaison, members of the city council's Public Safety Committee, AACPS, County Executive's community liaison, the Principal from Eastport Elementary School, Jolyn Davis (AACPS Annapolis Cluster), Eastport Shopping Center management.

We asked for suggestions on how to increase community civic involvement. The community felt there was a need for a comprehensive list of community resources. We gave out our non-emergency phone number 410-268-4141, our tip line number, 410-280-CLUE (2583), Metro Crime Stoppers 1-866-7LOCKUP, 1-866-756-2587, metrocrimestoppers.org, and asked if anyone wanted to join Neighborhood Watch.