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Public Meeting Addresses Horse Park Study New Anne Arundel County Group Formed

by the Horse Park Committee

Efforts to continue educating Anne Arundel County citizens – including elected officials and those who would like to be elected officials – on the merits of the proposed Maryland Horse Park picked up steam with a public meeting June 14 at Annapolis' Calvary United Methodist Church.

The meeting, which was open to anyone interested in hearing more about the project at the former Naval Academy Dairy Farm site near Gambrills, featured the first public discussion of the feasibility study released in May by the Maryland Stadium Authority.

The discussion was led by the MSA's horse park project manager, Gary McGuigan. Also speaking were Dennis Castleman, an assistant secretary in the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development who heads the state's tourism marketing efforts; Rob Burk, executive director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board; and Tim Capps, representing the Maryland Horse Council as its legislative relations spokesperson.

Highlights of the study as related by McGuigan, Burk and Castleman were:

- The horse park would generate more than \$122 million a year in economic impact, much of that in Anne Arundel County
- The park would provide more than \$9 million a year in state and local taxes, making it self-sustaining
- The facilities would be designed to make the horse park a multi-dimensional recreational venue
- The property would be enhanced environmentally to ensure its long-term preservation as environmentally secure green space
- The community would have a permanent park on 875 acres that would retain its agricultural character while serving as a free public park
- The Maryland horse community would have a world-class facility at which to host equestrian events and competitions

The meeting attracted an audience of more than 200 people, many of them local residents already involved in the horse world. It also attracted several candidates for county council or state legislative seats, plus two county executive aspirants (Phil Bissett and David Boschert). The latter, a current state legislator, came to the meeting from a break in the legislature's special session. He said that he felt the horse park was the best of the proposed uses for the Dairy Farm site.

Anne Arundel horsewoman Christy Clagett moderated the meeting, fielding questions to be answered by the various speakers. She announced the formation of the newly minted Anne Arundel County Horse Council, which will be comprised of local equestrian organizations as well as individual members. Its mission is to provide an informal organizational structure to facilitate educational and recreational opportunities for horse people in the county.

The tenor of the meeting was very positive, and many of the horse park's local supporters are encouraged that the idea is now being discussed on its merits, based substantially on the detailed feasibility study done by the Stadium Authority.

MHC Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2006

Directors Present (13):

President & Maryland Association of Equine Practitioners: Michael D. Erskine, DVM
Vice President & Potomac Valley Dressage Association: Jane Seigler
Secretary & Maryland Steeplechase Association: Crystal Kimball
Director at Large for Individual: Amy Burk
Director-at-Large for Individuals: Fred Lewis, DVM
Director-at-Large for Individuals: Beverly A. Raymond
League of Maryland Horsemen: Kathy Dobson
Marlborough Hounds: Christy Clagett, jt.-MFH
Maryland Equestrian Foundation/ Rosaryville Conservancy: Dorothy Troutman
Maryland Horse Breeders Association: Cricket Goodall
Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Inc.: Christine Bricker
Potomac Hunt Club: Monica Breland
Tuckahoe Equestrian Center: Royce Herman

Directors Absent (29):

Briarpatch and Director-at-Large, Youth: Darryll Ann Buschling
Carroll County Equestrian Council: Joseph Zentgraf, Pres.
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association: Sharon Roberts
Days End Farm Horse Rescue Inc.: Kathleen Schwartz
Director-at-Large for Farm: Gretchen Moberley
Director-at-Large for Individual Members: Elizabeth Madlener
Director-at-Large for Businesses: Laura Schmitt
Director-at-Large for Farms: Chrissy Keys Heard
Director-at-Large for Farms: LuAnne Levens
Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc.: Debbie Rollins Frank
Fair Hill International: Charlie Colgan
Goshen Hounds: Holly Hamilton, MFH
Graham Equestrian Center Inc.: Jim McDonald
Howard County Horse Shows Association: Mary Anne Steele
Howard County Iron Bridge Hounds:
Humane Society of Carroll County: Nicky Ratliff
Maryland 4-H Foundation: Jacqueline Harrington
Maryland Combined Training Association: Judy Strohmaier
Maryland Dressage Association: Margaret Wilterdink
Maryland Farriers Association: Tim Streaker
Maryland Horse Shows Association: Deloise Noble-Strong
Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association.: Felicia Hilleary
MD State Quarter Horse Association: Angelo Bizzarro
New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds: Guillermo Warley
Plantation Walking Horses of MD: Gayle Miller
The Ranger Foundation Inc. Ann Corcoran
Trail Riders of Today: Priscilla Huffman
Treasurer: Keith Wills
Washington International Horse Show: Susie Webb
Wicomico Hunt: Cindy Wood

Correction to January 2006 Attendance of Directors:
Kathy Dobson, representing the League of Maryland Horseman, was incorrectly listed as absent.

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The Executive Committee meets monthly.

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