

My name is Timothy Cobb and I reside in White Plains Maryland. On March 14th, I submitted a complaint to the county commissioners in reference to the ineffective Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board. Commissioner Patterson should be familiar as I brought my initial concerns up this past November during a commissioner town hall meeting. In September of 2023 I submitted a dispute to the HOA dispute board with all accompanying documentation and required fee and since then have not had a hearing due to a clerical error on the county, the board meeting every other month and lack of preparation and review of cases. Additionally, a particular board member had not shown for over three meetings. The HOA dispute board is ineffective in their review of complaints as well as their meeting to review cases. If the dispute review board cannot have meetings more than every other month and on top of that have clerical errors and no time to review cases, then maybe the county should consider dissolving the board all-together and saving county resources and dollars along with staff and residents time.

On a separate matter, Docket 90 is working its way back through the Planning commission. What is new with this submission is that now the Charles county board of education is stating that they do not want a elementary school and middle school side by side and that they agree with the applicant moving the previously approved site for the middle school to a total separate location. I find it odd that Charles county board of education would come in last minute and state that they don't approve of the side by side site that clearly was in the planning as far back as 2016. Was a site master plan approved for two schools without the education boards input? The developer has been highlighting this major component to prospective buyers for years. Additionally, the developer states that the board of commissioners requested an additional buffer on St. Charles parkway which in turn took away the needed acres by the board of education for the middle school. So once again, planning and growth management, the commissioners, Charles county board of education and developer neglected to manage implications of requested changes to MAJOR planned development for a community. This isn't a cul-de-sac change, this is a key highlight to prospective buyers that was altered without thought for implications down the line. You know what hasn't changed? My school excise tax, property tax payment and sewer and water fees. I'm paying for a master site plan that I will no longer be receiving.

You're inviting new residents to the county on the false pretenses of a dream and when they get here they realize its a lie and a poorly managed county. Highlighted by a ongoing 1.5 million dollar lawsuit that is clearly divided by 5 individual point of views and NOT county residents. What's the use of having public hearings and public comments if you ignore those who are on the record stating their displeasure, yet you do nothing. You say with the charter that the citizens will decide but then you kill a commissioners removal bill, how about you let the citizens decide that also.

Every conversation I hear from those in this government is how long they've been in Charles County, well maybe that's blinded you to some things. Here's a fresh survey assessment for you, do better.