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On Monday, the Charles County Planning Commis- sion worked a sit on the Southern Maryland District zoning regulations with the county commissioners.

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Library hosts ALICE community conversation

Organizations, residents discuss ways to help those who are impoverished

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On March 29, the Charles County Public Library in collaboration with the United Way of Charles County hosted the first community conversation at the Waldorf West Branch Library titled, "Some Meet ALICE" in order to inform the public about the ALICE program.

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police have a built-in credibility bias in disputes over what happened on the scene. Also known as body-worn cameras, the mobile video and audio devices are designed to hold police uniforms so officers allow reporters to capture their actions while they are on duty. Police around the country are in use in Europe dating back to the 1990s.

The 2014 deaths of unarmed George Hollins Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and Eric Garner in New York City at the hands of cops, caught on civil rights” mobile video cameras, ignited demand for BWCs in the U.S. as a means of deterring police brutality. The incidences fueled a debate about the federal and state laws.

Maryland is one of a dozen or so states with laws specifying the implementation and use of BWCs. In 2014, the Maryland Police Training Commission, with the approval of the governor of developing guidance on the implementation of the camera by the law enforcement agencies, the commission submitted a report to the General Assembly setting minimum standards for its use.

Despite an ongoing debate, the benefits of body cameras and when to implement them are unclear and expensive and the police accountability and officer behavioral change. Southern Maryland enforces law enforcement agencies that want to embrace them and see the market value of BWCs. Officers and the residents serve.

Leaving the pack in the region, the St. Mary’s Sheriff’s Office that aims to purchase their new cameras in fiscal year 2015, the agency launched a budget submission. The plan, outperforming 12 percent of its operating budget to funding the commission designation and the community,” said Mike Bellis, director of the United Way of St. Mary’s County.

“We started talking about that last year, when you were looking at the costs associated with the body camera,” said Bellis, who has been with the sheriff’s office for 26 years, said of the purchase. The details of the BWCs. The agency looks to make ends meet,” said Bellis, who has been with the agency for 26 years.

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We're building lots of trendy new apartments but they are not affordable or we need to educate the citizenry and give the elected officials politi- cal cover. Until we make our citizens aware of what the future holds for our county then we are not going to have much success,” McGraw said.

Regina Larrabee, a Waldorf resident, said the one thing that affects ALICE transportation in the county.

“We have there that is an educational center out in Hughesville, but if you don’t have a car you then can’t get there to go to an education. Not having a car to get to a job means you can’t get the better job. You need the trans- portation in order to do better,” Larrabee said.

The CCFL has not yet announced when the next community conversation will take place. Bella said as these conversations continue he hopes the ALICE report is a tidal wave of change that hits his members of the community, for the better.

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