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BALTIMORE COUNTY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sheldon S. Epstein, Chair

--APPROVED MARCH 13, 2018--

MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Acting Chair Ted Levin, Jared Barnhart, Nate Evans, Allysha Lorber, Charlie Murphy, Fran Taylor, Linda Grossman, Pat McDougall, Kris Nebre (filling in for Mike Filsinger)

Absent: Sheldon Epstein, Harry Bhandari, Grace Bristol, Robert Barrett

Department of Planning staff present included Jessie Bialek and Kathy Schlabach.

1. Introduction of Members and Announcements

Mr. Ted Levin opened the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Mr. Tevin asked the members to introduce themselves. He then made the following announcement:

- The Department of Planning invites you to attend its annual Holiday Event for Volunteer Boards and Commissions on Thursday, December 14th at 5 pm. An invitation is provided at your seats. Please RSVP by December 4th.

2. Review of Today's Agenda

Mr. Levin stated that there was one change to the agenda that had been previously sent to the committee members. The addition of a staff report and vote on the 2018 proposed meeting schedule and work program.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes of September 12, 2017 Meeting

Mr. Levin called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from the September 12, 2017 meeting. Ms. Allysha Lorber made the motion and Mr. Fran Taylor seconded. The approval was unanimous.

5. Staff Report Introduction and Vote: Draft FY 2017 Annual Report

Mr. Levin asked Ms. Jessie Bialek to present staff's recommendations. Ms. Bialek proceeded to go through an overview of the report speaking to the various sections, including the Complete Streets compliance of the previous year's development projects and physical bicycle and pedestrian improvements that the county has made.

Mr. Levin then called for a motion to approve the Draft FY 2017 annual report. Ms. Lorber made the motion and Mr. Murphy seconded. The approval was unanimous.

After the vote, the committee members made the following points:

Mr. Taylor mentioned that it might behoove the committee to ask for another Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) appointee.

Dr. Linda Grossman mentioned that the Baltimore County Police Department is starting a campaign called Walk Smart, Don't Dart. They will be out on Liberty Road handing out pamphlets about pedestrian safety. She also mentioned that Jennifer Martucci is in charge of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force and might be interested in joining the committee.

Mr. Levin made a motion asking the staff to write a letter requesting representation from BCPS and the Police Department as well new appointees for council districts 3 and 4 in order to better achieve a quorum. Ms. Lorber seconded. The approval was unanimous.

6. Staff Report Introduction and Vote: Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule and Work Program

Mr. Levin called on Ms. Bialek to present the proposed meeting schedule and work program for 2018. Ms. Bialek proceeded to go through an overview of the report. Mr. Levin then called for a motion to approve the Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule and Work Program. Mr. Fran Taylor made the motion and Mr. Jared Barnhart seconded. The approval was unanimous.

After the vote, the committee members made the following points:

Mr. Evans pointed out that he would like a report on the upcoming CIP in regard to traffic calming and noted that he was pleased with the newly installed raised crosswalks on Ebenezer Road.

Ms. Lorber asked for a reminder ahead of the March 2018 meeting, so the committee members could prepare reports for their districts.

8. Other Business

Mr. Lorber stated that she would like to give a brief presentation to the committee on the Roundtable hosted by the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee that she attended on behalf of the committee on October 20th. Ms. Lorber gave a PowerPoint presentation on the information that was gleaned from the event. She began the presentation on MDOT initiatives, such as wanting to partner with local jurisdictions, help them to connect with resources and grants, and requesting their participation in updating the state plan. There is a comprehensive list of the grants available on their website. This was followed by a discussion of what makes a bike-friendly community, and addressing the 5 E's. She then presented a slide from the League of American Bicyclists, which was a matrix of how to build a bicycle friendly community. This was followed by a list of national trends in regards to bicycling, and what Baltimore County and the PBAC can do.

After the presentation, the committee members made the following points:

Mr. Murphy stated that CRTT had tried to get Catonsville to be a bike friendly community, but were lacking in the education and evaluation criteria.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that the Star Spangled Banner Trail isn't listed on the DNR website. Their community association has been asking the potential candidates for County Executive how important streetscapes are and if they can be made bike friendly.

Mr. Levin suggested that the committee send Ms. Lorber's report to the County Council. Ms. Lorber stated that she'd like to clean up the report before sending it as well as get the members' input on the committee's goals.

Mr. Levin suggested that the committee have a subcommittee meeting the first week of December. Ms. Lorber asked the committee to think of goals beforehand. After getting group consensus, Mr. Levin made a motion to have a subcommittee meeting on December 5th to formulate an informal report about the MDOT Roundtable. Mr. Murphy seconded. The approval was unanimous.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Levin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lorber made the motion and Mr. Taylor seconded. The approval was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.