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Minutes
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Call to order, introduction of Board members, pledge of allegiance to the Flag, and announcements

Chair, Edward J. Gilliss, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at Overlea Senior High School. The following members were:

Present

Ms. Dorothy Foos
Mr. Robert J. Palmer
Mr. Paul G. Miller
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis
Mr. Dean Hoover
Mr. Dennis P. Hoover
Mr. H. Edward Parker
Dr. Robert Gregory
Mr. Gerard Wit (late)

Absent

Mr. Aaron E. Dock, Sr.
Mr. Adam T. Sampson
Ms. Nellie Grinage
Mr. Gordon Harden
Mr. William H. Moore

County staff present included Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Lynn Lanham, Jeff Mayhew and Curtis Murray, from the Office of Planning.

Review of today's Agenda

The Advance Tentative Agenda is filed as Appendix A.

Minutes of the February 7, 2008 Meeting and Minutes of the February 21, 2008 Meeting

An additional correction was noted to the Minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting of the Planning Board, on Page 7, first paragraph to read as follows: "Mr. Richard Parsons, of the Greater Towson Council, advised that GTCC is opposed to any change in the current law that would weaken the regulations covering flashing changeable copy signs or digital message boards. They offered support of any legislation that would allow only one message change in any twenty-four hour period and stressed that increasing the frequency of message change would degrade both business and residential areas and add a very significant hazard to motorists."

Mr. Miller moved the acceptance of the February 21, 2008 Minutes as circulated and the acceptance of the February 7, 2008 Minutes as further corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously. Absent were Messrs. Dock, Harden, Moore, Sampson, Wit, and Ms. Nellie Grinage. The corrected Minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting are filed as Appendix B. Those of the February 21, 2008 meeting are filed as Appendix C.

Items for discussion and vote

1. Capital Improvement Program: Recommendation to the Budget Director

Mr. Dean Hoover, Chair reported on the activities of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee. He concluded by moving that the Baltimore County Planning Board approve the FY 2009 Capital Budget and Five-Year Program and the accompanying transmittal letter, as recommended by the Committee on the CIP, for transmittal to the Director of the Budget. Ms. Foos seconded the motion.

Discussion followed, in particular, focusing on the transmittal letter. Mr. Miller proposed the following amendments:

On Page 2, No. 2, line 4, delete the word “matching”

On Page 2, No. 4., line 1, substitute the word “suggests” for the word “requests”

Mr. Dennis Hoover seconded the motion to amend, which passed by acclamation. Absent were Messrs. Dock, Harden, Moore, Sampson, Wit, and Ms. Nellie Grinage. The Board then voted on the original motion as amended, which passed by acclamation. Absent were Messrs. Dock, Harden, Moore, Sampson, Wit, and Ms. Nellie Grinage.

A copy of the Baltimore County Capital Improvement Program, Fiscal Years 2009 – 2014, Planning Board Recommendations, adopted by the Baltimore County Planning Board on March 20, 2008, along with copy of transmittal letter to Keith Dorsey, Director of Budget and Finance, is filed as Appendix D.

2. Basic Services – Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Regulations – Date Extension

Mr. Miller moved that the Baltimore County Planning Board recommend amending The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 4A02, concerning Basic Services Maps, as highlighted in the Office of Planning Staff Report dated March 19, as follows:

Section 4A02.3.E.1:

- Change the date Planning Board recommendations are due to the County Council to the last Friday in February from January 22
- Change the date the County Council shall take action on basic services maps after consideration of the recommendations of the Planning Board to on or before May 30 from April 30.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. In the discussion that followed, the Board agreed to change Planning Staff’s wording on Page 2, No. 2, line to read “On or before the last Friday in May of each year, . . .” instead of May 30. The motion with the amended wording passed unanimously. Absent were Messrs. Dock, Harden, Moore, Sampson, and Ms. Nellie Grinage.

A copy of the staff report along with Attachment 1 is filed as Appendix E.

Other business

3. Report from the Landmarks Preservation Commission—March 13, 2008

Dr. Gregory highlighted several items on the written report that was in the members' hands. The LPC Report is filed as Appendix F.

Mr. Gilliss announced that Dr. Gregory would be stepping down as the Board's representative on the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Mr. Moore will be assuming that responsibility.

Mr. Sampson has been named Chair of the CZMP Committee that will identify issues that the Planning Board wants to have sequestered. The Board discussed the sequestering process and noted that the first Worksession will be April 3, after the Board meeting, in Room 407 of the County Courts Building. Sequestered issues from the First and Second District will be discussed at that time.

Adjournment of the Board meeting

Mr. McGinnis moved the adjournment of the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis Hoover and approved unanimously. Absent were Messrs. Dock, Harden, Moore, Sampson, and Ms. Nellie Grinage.

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Approved 4/3/08