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Minutes January 20, 2011

<u>Call to order, introduction of Board members, pledge of allegiance to the Flag, and announcements</u>

Chair, Edward J. Gilliss, called the meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 4:02 p.m. The following members were:

Present Mr. Dennis P. Hoover Mr. Lionel van Dommelen Ms. Dorothy Foos Mr. Paul Miller Mr. Gerard J. Wit Mr. Edward J. Gilliss Mr. William Moore Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis Dr. Robert Gregory Mr. Robert J. Palmer Mr. Robert J. Palmer Mr. Robert E. Latshaw, Jr. Mr. Dean Hoover (Arrived at 4:06 p.m.) <u>Absent</u> Mr. Adam T. Sampson Ms. Nellie Grinage

County staff present included Jeff Mayhew, Lynn Lanham, Curtis Murray, Krystle Patchak, and Kathy Schlabach from the Office of Planning; Dave Thomas, Department of Public Works; Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive; Fred Homan, County Administrative Officer; Don Mohler, Chief of Staff; Donna Morrison, Deputy Administrative Officer; Keith Dorsey, Director of Budget and Finance; Ed Blades, Office of Budget and Finance

Review of today's Agenda

There were no changes to the Tentative Agenda as published, which is filed as Appendix A.

Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting

Mr. Hoover moved that the Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board be approved as circulated. Mr. McGinnis seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:03 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Sampson, Dean Hoover, and Ms. Grinage. A copy of the approved Minutes is filed as Appendix B.

Special Presentation by County Executive Kevin Kamenetz – Introduction to the Capital Improvement Program Process

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz opened his remarks by offering his thanks to Planning Board members on behalf of the County for the time and energy that they devote to Baltimore County.

This is the first time that County Executive Kamenetz has addressed the Board in his new role, and he looks forward to working together with the Board in the future. This year is considered an "off" year in the biennial review process and due to the economic conditions, it is expected that the review will be less burdensome.

In November, voters approved the \$285 million borrowing referendum for the bonds being requested in FY2012. It was stated that over one-third of the approved borrowing authority was for public schools. It is the goal of the county to provide adequate facilities and classrooms that are required for a 21st century education. Specific projects that were pointed out included air conditioning and systemic renovations at seven local high schools as well as the completion of the addition and renovation of Hampton Elementary School. Dr. Hairston, Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent, will be before the Board in the future to provide more specific details on the school funding projects. County Executive Kamenetz pointed out that the fiscal restraints that are required in these times of economic challenges make the education of our future workforce and leaders more important than ever.

The FY2012 borrowing referendum is the highest in county history, and it was noted that the FY2014 and FY2016 bond amounts are considerably less to help keep debt levels within debt affordability parameters and allow Baltimore County to maintain it's AAA bond rating.

County Staff, including Fred Homan, County Administrative Officer, as well as Keith Dorsey, Director of Budget and Finance, were available to answer specific questions asked by the Board. Questions were asked regarding pension as well property and income tax issues and future county projects and initiatives. A copy of the Capital Budget Supporting Detail, Fiscal Year 2012, Capital Program, Fiscal Years 2012 through 2017, along with a schedule of FY12 Funding Parameters, is filed as Appendix C.

Item for Introduction

1. Basic Services Maps

Mr. David Thomas, Assistant to the Director of Public Works, explained that each year, the Department of Public Works is required to report on Basic Services Maps, including Sewer Deficient Areas and Areas of Concern, Transportation Zones, and Water Supply Areas. He introduced the issues briefly. For this year there was only one sewer deficient area, Richlyn Manor, which is currently being improved and converted to a pumping station. It was stated that there are a few areas of concern, but the amount is shrinking as projects are being completed. For the water supply areas, there had been two deficient areas which have now been corrected; therefore there are no areas of concern at this time. The transportation zones have not changed from the previous year.

Dr. Gregory questioned Mr. Thomas on the status of the Richlyn Manor sewer issue and the time that it will take to correct the issue. Mr. Thomas stated that the project is scheduled to be completed in approximately 5-10 years. Other areas of concern are currently being resolved.

The discussion on specific items and the vote on this issue will be addressed at a future meeting, prior to the end of February. Copies of the memos from the Department of Public Works along with corresponding maps are filed as Appendix D. There will be an opportunity for public comment prior to the Board vote.

Item for Deliberation & Vote

2. Turner Station Charrette Plan

Mr. Jeff Mayhew, Acting Director of the Baltimore County Office of Planning, summarized the Turner Station Charrette process and the recommendations contained in the Turner Station Charrette Plan. The Turner Station Charrette Steering Committee along with the Office of Planning's Design Team worked together to lead the community through a charrette, which was held from May 28 to June 2, 2009. Input on issues related to the project was used to develop recommendations that are contained in the plan.

Dr. Gregory moved that the Baltimore County Planning Board approves the Turner Station Charrette Plan dated June 2, 2009 as an amendment to Master Plan 2020. Ms. Foos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:49 p.m. Absent were Mr. Sampson and Ms.Grinage. A copy of the Turner Station Charrette Plan is filed as Appendix E.

Mr. Miller suggested that staff look into a capital budget item, which was addressed in the plan, to see if it is included in this year's budget.

Other Business

3. Report of the Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting January 13, 2011

Mr. Dean Hoover, the Board's representative to the LPC, highlighted items contained in the Report. Points of interest included the re-appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair as well as the nomination of Three Garden Village to the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the LPC report is filed as Appendix F.

4. Legislation of interest to the Planning Board

Mr. Murray referred the Board to legislation of interest that was circulated to the Board, and is filed as Appendix G, including:

a. Bill No. 122-10. Government Reorganization

b. Bill No. 123-10. Office of Administrative Hearings

He highlighted the following:

<u>Bill No. 122-10: Government Reorganization</u> – This bill serves to abolish the Department of Workforce Development and move its functions to the Department of Economic Development; abolish the Office of Community Conservation and move its functions to the Office of Planning; rename departments and provide instructions to the publishers of the Baltimore County Code and Baltimore County Zoning Regulations among other details.

<u>Bill No. 123-10: Office of Administrative Hearings</u> – This bill establishes the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:54 p.m. Absent were Mr. Sampson and Ms.Grinage.

Kp Approved 2/03/11