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Minutes
February 17, 2011

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Vice Chair, Dr. Robert Gregory, called the meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Present

Mr. Dennis P. Hoover
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. C. Scott Holupka
Mr. Robert E. Latshaw, Jr.
Mr. Robert J. Palmer
Ms. Dorothy Foos (arrived 4:06 p.m.)
Mr. Gerard J. Wit
Mr. William Moore
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis
Dr. Robert Gregory

Absent

Mr. Edward J. Gilliss
Mr. Dean Hoover
Ms. Nellie Grinage
Mr. Randy Thompson

County staff present included Jeff Mayhew, Lynn Lanham, Curtis Murray, Krystle Patchak, Barbara Weaver, and Kathy Schlabach from the Office of Planning; Dave Thomas, Department of Public Works.

Dr. Gregory introduced new Board member Scott Holupka, who has been appointed representing the 7th District. Mr. Randy Thompson, newly appointed from the 4th District, was unable to attend the meeting.

Review of today's Agenda

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

Minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting

Mr. Dennis Hoover moved that the Minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board be approved as circulated. Mr. Moore seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:05 p.m. Messrs. Gilliss, Dean Hoover, Thompson, Ms. Foos, and Ms. Grinage were absent. A copy of the approved Minutes is filed as Appendix B.

Item for Introduction

1. Triennial Review of Water & Sewer Plan

Mr. David Thomas, Assistant to the Director of Public Works, explained that the document is required by State Law once every three years. He noted that the Triennial Review is different

from the annual amendment cycles under the executive order of April 11, 1990. The Cycle Amendments are intended to address petitions for individual properties; the Triennial Review is the review and update of the general master plan for water & sewer.

This year the draft Report is enhanced and provided on a CD, which was passed out to each member and is filed as Appendix C. Mr. Thomas anticipates comments from the Board members for incorporating in the Report as appropriate.

Using the Table of Contents, which was displayed for all to see, Mr. Thomas highlighted various aspects of the Report, including:]

- Chapter I - Goals and organization
- Chapter II - Physical, Population, and Land Use
- Chapter III - Water Supply Plan (Public as well as Private); organized by “Pressure Zones”
- Chapter IV - Sewerage Plan, organized by “Sewershed Areas” (The Rural portion addresses septic systems.)
- Appendices - Water/Sewerage Agreements with County and the City
- Maps

Mr. Thomas is pleased to be able to give the Board members this detailed Report and urges all to read through it and pass on their comments. The following questions were discussed:

- Mr. Moore asked if the same material would be available to the public online. Mr. Mayhew will look into that possibility.
- Mr. McGinnis commented on septic systems in rural areas. Speaking from personal experience, in his lifetime on the property, he has had approximately three systems put in, starting with a 500-gallon capacity to the current 1500-gallon. He referred to the issue of sodium chloride run-off from road de-icing versus water quality.
- Mr. Palmer raised the question of dealing with excessive amounts of nitrogen. He also questioned if the figures in the Report were based on the 2010 Census. Mr. Thomas responded that the population numbers were based on the Round 5 C Forecast, which does not incorporate the 2010 census data.
- Mr. Latshaw asked if this Report, especially if posted on the internet, created Security issues because it was so detailed. Mr. Thomas responded that the Department of Public Works is aware of this concern. Security measures are out there, although not specified in this Report.
- Mr. Miller asked for a presentation on the details of the current Bill in the State Legislature regarding changes to septic parameters. He was assured that this could be arranged. What happens to the Triennial Review document next? Mr. Thomas responded that the Planning Board makes any recommended changes and sends it to the County Council for their consideration and vote and forwarding to the State. Mr. Miller was also interested in more details regarding the Consent Agreement.
- Ms. Foos mentioned that the issue of odor from the Back River Treatment Plant is still not under control. Mr. Palmer noted that the barometric pressure affects odor.

Mr. Latshaw moved that the Baltimore County Planning Board set a public hearing regarding The Triennial Review of Water and Sewerage Plan for Thursday, March 3, 2011. Mr. Moore seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 5:07 p.m.

Other Business

2. Report of the Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting February 10, 2011

Since Mr. Dean Hoover was not available to report on the recent Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting, Dr. Gregory referred Board members to the written report, which is in the notebooks. A copy of the Report is filed as Appendix D.

3. Legislation: Bill No. 2-11, A Bill for establishing the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Murray highlighted Bill No. 2-11, which calls for establishing the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; specifying its composition and the appointment of its members; providing for officers, meetings, and rules of the Committee; and generally, relating to the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee. A copy of the Bill is filed as Appendix E.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Mr. McGinnis moved the adjournment of the February 17, 2011 Planning Board meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 5:14 p.m.

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Approved 3/3/11