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Minutes
March 3, 2011

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

Chair, Edward J. Gilliss, called the meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 4:33 p.m. The following members were:

Present

Mr. Dennis P. Hoover
Mr. Gerard J. Wit
Mr. Edward J. Gilliss
Mr. Robert E. Latshaw, Jr.
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. William Moore
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis
Dr. Robert Gregory
Ms. Dorothy Foos
Mr. Howard Perlow
Mr. Albert Zawicki
Mr. C. Scott Holupka
Mr. Randy Thompson

Absent

Ms. Nellie Grinage

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

Mr. Gilliss thanked outgoing Board members Bob Palmer and Dean Hoover for their valuable service to the Board and welcomed new members Scott Holupka, Randy Thompson, Howard Perlow, and Albert Zawicki.

Review of today's Agenda

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

Minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting

Mr. Dennis Hoover moved that the Minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board be approved as submitted. Dr. Gregory seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:44 p.m. Ms. Grinage was absent. A copy of the approved Minutes is filed as Appendix B.

Item for Deliberation & Vote

1. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Mr. Moore, Chair of the Capital Improvement Program Committee, reported that the CIP Committee met over the past months to review and discuss the capital budget, FY 2012-2017. The process culminated this afternoon with a Committee recommendation that is being brought to the Planning Board for final vote. The members of the Committee included the entire Board along with Planning staff and other agency representatives. Mr. Moore asked that the following be made part of the record:

- The Planning Board Capital Improvement Budget and Program process for FY 2012 to FY 2017 began on October 21, 2010 with the Citizen Input Meeting held before the Planning Board. The board heard from 8 citizens who expressed their concerns relating to capital improvements for their communities.
- County Executive Kevin Kamenetz made a presentation to the Planning Board on January 20, 2011. In his remarks, Mr. Kamenetz noted that there were few changes from the previous year's budget, and expressed his commitment to the improvement of county public schools.
- Over several weeks in January, the board received nearly 50 emails and letters in opposition to a bridge project on Hess Road that is contained in the proposed program.
- The Planning Board Committee on the Capital Budget and Program held a work session on February 3, 2011, during which representatives from the Baltimore County Public Schools and the Community Colleges of Baltimore County presented their capital budget requests to the Capital Improvement Program Committee.
- The Office of Planning presented the staff's CIP recommendations to the committee on February 17th. Members received reports from the county agencies detailing their capital improvement accomplishments and funding priorities. After discussion, the CIP Committee accepted the staff recommendations for the FY 2012 Capital Budget and Five-year Program, with the exception of one project, the Hess Road Bridge, for which they requested additional information from the Department of Public Works.
- The committee recommends that the board's cover letter to the director of the Office of Budget and Finance include several recommendations for capital project funding.

Regarding overcrowding of schools along the York Road corridor, the Planning Board asked staff to meet with the school system to inquire about the possibility of using the capacity at the middle schools to address the over crowding at the elementary school level. Under the project titled York Road Corridor Additions in the schools program, the Planning Board supports the use of \$2,000,000 for the design of Stoneleigh Elementary School in FY 2012.

The Planning Board recommends that should additional funds become available, they be directed toward Project 220.0068, Towson Fire Station #1 Replacement. Presently programmed for FY14, the board desires to move the project forward to FY 2012, if possible. The existing building is outdated, and contains many non-compliant features.

For Project 207.0247, Bridge 10--Hess Road. The board desires DPW to conduct a feasibility study that includes maintaining a one-lane bridge in the most cost effective method for the County. The board received nearly 50 letters and emails in opposition to widening the bridge from nearby residents and others who enjoy the area's rural, scenic landscape. The board requests the following alternatives be analyzed, including estimated construction costs, life cycle costs and advantages/disadvantages:

Scenario 1: Rehabilitation of the existing bridge, re-using both the existing superstructure and substructure.

Scenario 2: Replacement of the superstructure in kind, replacing the steel portion of the bridge on the existing abutments.

Scenario 3: Total replacement, to include an evaluation of a new single lane bridge, and a wider bridge but with a single traffic lane and widened shoulders.

As chair of the Committee, Mr. Moore moved that the Baltimore County Planning Board approve the FY 2012 Capital Budget and Five-Year program and accompanying cover letter, as recommended by the Committee on Capital Budget and Program for transmittal to the Director of the Budget. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. McGinnis commented on residents' concerns with replacing rural bridges using federal funds. In the last analysis, federal funds are "our money," too. Plans to use these funds do not have the capacity to consider rural roads standards. Expenditures for such items as environmental studies required by the federal guidelines may have little or no application to the bridge in question.

Mr. Latshaw expressed concern about building new elementary schools to meet today's projected population only to see the population drop in the future. He would like to see added flexibility by using middle schools that are under-capacity to house elementary students from schools that are over-capacity.

Mr. McGinnis commented on the disparity of maturity level of the younger student compared to the older student, if grades 1 – 8 are placed together.

Mr. Thompson felt that Mr. Latshaw's comments might have been good for the parents to hear. He is in agreement with having grades 1-8 in one building for the purpose of flexibility. Mr. Perlow observed that Stoneleigh Elementary school served the area in past years, but questions whether a school such as this will be underused in the future. Mr. Moore clarified that the Committee's goal was to give the School Board the greatest amount of flexibility.

Mr. Gilliss suggested that the Planning Office might look into separate discussions with the School system regarding the flexibility issue. The Motion carried unanimously at 4:58 p.m. Ms. Grinage was absent. Mr. Mayhew advised that staff would follow up with the School system. Mr. Gilliss thanked Mr. Moore for his hard work. Supporting material is filed as Appendix C.

Other Business

2. Legislation of interest to the Board

Mr. Murray highlighted six pieces of legislation, including the adoption of three community plans as part of Master Plan 2020—Perry Hall Community Plan as amended (Resolution No. 13-11), Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Plan, (Resolution No. 19-11), and Greenspring-East Pikesville Community Action Plan, (Resolution No. 20-11); designating and re-designating two trails (Resolution No.'s 17-11 and 18-11); and, establishing parameters for the location of

Community Input Meetings relative to the project (Resolution No. 3-11). Copies of the legislation are filed as Appendix D.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Ms. Foos moved that the Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hoover seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 5:04 p.m. Ms. Grinage was absent.

Public Hearing
by the
Baltimore County Planning Board**

Call to order, introduction of Board members, and remarks on procedures by Chairman

The Triennial Review of Water and Sewer Plan

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Gilliss at 5:04 p.m.

Mr. Thomas, Assistant to the Director of Public Works, advised that this evening the Board is being asked to hold a public hearing on the Triennial Review of Water and Sewer Plan, a review mandated by the State every three years. He brought the Board up to date on answers to three questions raised at the previous meeting concerning road salt, the consent decree and curtailing odor. The answers were forwarded to the Board and are filed, along with other supporting materials, as part of Appendix E.

The Board Hearing was publicly noted. A sign-up sheet was available prior to the meeting. However, there were no signatures on it, and no speakers came forward to speak.

Adjournment of the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Reconvene the Board Meeting

Item for Discussion and Vote

3. The Triennial Review of Water & Sewer Plan

Mr. Hoover moved that the Baltimore County Planning Board approve the Triennial Review of Water & Sewer Plan dated February 17, 2011 for forwarding to the County Council. Ms. Foos seconded the Motion.

Mr. McGinnis stated his concern about water quality as impacted by the amount of chloride going into the drinking water, especially from winter road treatment. He would like to see a

review of the procedures and what is being done to reduce the amount of chloride going into the water. Mr. Mayhew responded that the Department of Public Works calibrates the salt spreaders on trucks and trains its drivers on the use of salt. In addition, as soon as the State Highway Administration's Best Practices Study is concluded, the County will review what might be incorporated into the Department of Public Works' policies.

Mr. Thompson clarified that all road treatment is not "salt." Often roads have to be pretreated with calcium chloride or magnesium chloride to enable the plows to go back and treat again.

Mr. Gilliss called for a vote on the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously at 5:09 p.m. Ms. Grinage was absent.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Mr. McGinnis moved the adjournment of the March 3, 2011 Planning Board meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 5:10 p.m. Ms. Grinage was absent.

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Approved May 19, 2011