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Minutes  
January 19, 2012

**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 4:00 p.m. The following members were:

Present

Mr. Edward J. Gilliss  
Mr. Paul Miller  
Mr. Gerard J. Wit  
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis  
Ms. Nancy Hafford  
Mr. Randy Thompson  
Mr. Mark Schlossberg  
Mr. Jeffrey Gordon  
Mr. Rainier C. Harvey, Sr.  
Mr. Scott Holupka  
Mr. Scott Jenkins  
Mr. Eric Lamb  
Mr. John Polek

Absent

Mr. Howard Perlow  
Mr. Albert Zawicki

County staff present included Andrea Van Arsdale, Jeff Mayhew, Liz Glenn, Lynn Lanham, Curtis Murray, Krystle Patchak, Barbara Weaver, and Kathy Schlabach from the Department of Planning; Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive; Fred Homan, County Administrative Officer; Donna Morrison, Deputy Administrative Officer; Keith Dorsey, Director, Office of Budget and Finance, Ed Blades, Office of Budget and Finance, Ed Adams, Director of Department of Public Works, and David Thomas, Department of Public Works.

Mr. Gilliss congratulated Mr. Miller on being named Vice Chair of the Board, welcomed the five new Planning Board members—Ms. Hafford, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Lamb, and Mr. Jenkins—and thanked retiring Board members, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Latshaw, Dr. Gregory, Ms. Grinage and Mr. Moore for their past service.

**Review of today's Agenda**

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

## **Item for Introduction**

### 1. Basic Services Maps

Mr. David Thomas, Assistant to the Director of Public Works, referred Board members to the copies of the 2012 Basic Services maps and accompanying memoranda contained on CD's that were distributed to each member. He 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, noting that, regarding public water, there are no areas in Baltimore County that have deficiencies. The 2012 map showing sewer deficient areas and areas of concern is essentially the same as the 2011 map. The Transportation Report for 2012 shows one change in the Level-of-Service from an F to a D at the signalized intersection of Falls Rd. (MD 25) and Greenspring Valley Rd. (MD 130). A copy of the CD and print reports are filed as Appendix B.

In response to questions from Board members, Mr. Thomas stated that the Glyndon Water Tower does not show up as "deficient" and is not included in the report; however, the Water Tower continues as a concern, especially with summer approaching. He went on to describe in more detail the Basic Service Map process. In regard to signalized intersections, the County is required to examine once a year and identify areas not performing to specifications. Traffic counts are taken after schools are in session during the morning and evening "rush" hour. Classifications A – D are considered satisfactory; however a D classification is a warning sign. An F classification indicates that an intersection is not performing adequately. Certain restrictions are necessary to manage growth so that problems will not be exacerbated. For instance, building permits may be withheld. It was noted that property outside the URDL is not included.

There will be a vote on the Basic Services Maps at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board.

The response to a question about road work at Lyons Mill Rd. and Owings Mill Rd. indicated that Lyons Mill Rd. is being widened to just beyond the school.

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

Mr. Gilliss invited County Executive Kamenetz to speak to the Board on the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Kamenetz opened his remarks by congratulating Mr. Miller who has been named Vice Chair of the Board and thanking the five Board members who were recently named to the Board for their willingness to serve.

Mr. Kamenetz stated that the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget is an “on” year in the biennial budget process and noted that there are few changes compared to the adopted 2012 budget due to the difficult economic situation. However, because of the County’s fiscal prudence and budgetary efficiency, priority programs can move forward. He cited the example of the voluntary retirement incentive program as a means of cutting 200 positions. A priority with the Governor is school construction, with \$350 million requested statewide. Baltimore County at this point in time has been recommended to receive \$23 million out of the \$70 million requested, with more anticipated. Baltimore County School Superintendent Dr. Hairston and the Board of Education have approved the necessary funding for FY13 to support the State recommendation. Included will be full county funding for the 200-seat addition at Stoneleigh Elementary School and a new 700-seat elementary school to serve the York Road corridor. Matching funds from the County would be \$5.5 million, which the County intends to fund with savings from existing projects.

A review of the County Budget is underway. However, County Executive Kamenetz does not anticipate its completion before the Board’s recommendation deadline in March. For that reason, the bond referendum within the schools’ capital levels he submits for FY14 and FY16 are held constant at \$255 million \$250 million respectively. He is targeting the bond referendum for 2018, tentatively, at \$245 million. As in previous years, Mr. Homan and Mr. Dorsey are present to answer any questions that Board members may have.

Mr. Kamenetz expressed his appreciation to the Board for their commitment to the citizens of Baltimore County and thanked the chair Ed Gilliss for his outstanding leadership.

Mr. McGinnis brought to the Board’s attention a recent letter from residents in the north county supporting agriculture preservation. He questioned the disparity between money approved for borrowing and money used. Over the past several years, he stated that approximately 9 million dollars has been approved, but not used. In addition, the County has lost State funding for this program. This spreads out the time in which the property can be placed in agriculture preservation. Mr. Kamenetz clarified that the bond authorizations are “credit lines.” The reality is that the County will not be able to fund all the priorities that were funded in the past. As he indicated earlier, the main priority will be quality education.

Mr. Kamenetz indicated that there is no statistical basis for constructing a new middle school in the Owings Mills area.

County Staff, including Fred Homan, County Administrative Officer, as well as Keith Dorsey, Director of Budget and Finance, was also available to answer specific questions asked by the Board. Supporting data is filed as Appendix C.

Mr. Kamenetz responded that the State’s mandate to have a “balanced budget” that is “shared” with the Counties will impact what comes before the Planning Board. Mr. Miller commended the administration for the excellent job they have done on the budget.

### **Other Business**

2. Reports of the Landmarks Preservation Commission meetings of November 10, 2011 and January 12, 2012. Mr. Gilliss referred Board members to the written Landmarks reports that are contained in the Notebooks. Mr. McGinnis mentioned an article of interest on the Hayfields Estate and early agriculture in Baltimore County written by staff member Teri Rising and published in "History Trails."
3. Legislation of interest to the Planning Board. Mr. Murray advised that there was no legislation on which to report for this meeting.

**Adjournment of the Board Meeting**

Mr. McGinnis moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Polek seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:33 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Perlow and Zawicki.

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Approved 2/16/12