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Minutes
March 1, 2012

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

Edward J. Gilliss, Chair, called the meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were:

Present

Mr. Edward Gilliss
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. Eric Lamb
Mr. John Polek
Mr. Gerard Wit
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis
Ms. Nancy Hafford
Mr. Mark Schlossberg
Mr. Rainier C. Harvey, Sr.
Mr. Scott Jenkins
Mr. Howard Perlow
Mr. Albert Zawicki

Absent

Mr. Scott Holupka
Mr. Jeffrey Gordon
Mr. Randy Thompson

County staff present included Andrea Van Arsdale, Jeff Mayhew, Lynn Lanham, Curtis Murray, Krystle Patchak, Barbara Weaver, and Kathy Schlabach from the Department of Planning.

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 16, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Schlossberg moved acceptance of the Minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting as circulated. Mr. Holupka seconded the Motion, which unanimously passed at 4:03 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Gordon, and Holupka. A copy of the approved Minutes is filed as Appendix B.

Item for Introduction

1. Western Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan

Ms. Schlabach introduced the Western Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan. Using a PowerPoint, she described the plan, which is the second phase of a county-wide master plan for improving bicycle and pedestrian access. Like the first phase of the plan for the eastern

side of the County, the second phase was developed through a planning process in which citizens living in the area indicated how they would like to make the County more accessible by walking and bicycling. In addition to recommendations for constructing walking and bicycling facilities, the plan also considers supportive programs and strategies that are necessary to create the appropriate environment. The active transportation planning process known as the “5 E’s,” include:

- Engineering: The design and construction of physical facilities
- Encouragement: Programs that encourage use of the facilities
- Education: Training for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on safe use of the facilities
- Enforcement: Activities to enforce the safe use of the facilities
- Evaluation and Planning: Plan implementation strategies, including regular monitoring of the implementation process, and adjusting the plan as needed.

During comments that followed, Mr. Perlow expressed the opinion that he didn’t feel enough people would use the path to make it a wise expenditure of funds. Ms. Hafford, who has lived all over the country, commented that she has seen the quality of life greatly improved by appropriate pedestrian and bike paths and urges exploring the Baltimore County Plan. In response to Mr. Polek’s question regarding priorities, Ms. Schlabach indicated that bicycle signage would be at the top of the list.

Mr. Miller **MOVED THAT** a Public Hearing be set for Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. on the Western Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan. Mr. Perlow seconded the motion, which unanimously passed at 4:44 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Gordon, and Holupka.

A copy of the “Western Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan, Draft, March 1, 2012, as submitted to the Baltimore County Planning Board” is filed as Appendix C.

Item for discussion by the Board and vote

2. FY 2013-2018 Capital Budget and Program

In CIP Committee Chair Gordon’s absence, Mr. Gilliss read the Report into the record as follows:

- The Planning Board Capital Improvement Budget and Program process for FY 2013 to FY 2018 began on October 6, 2011 with the Citizen Input Meeting held before the Planning Board. The board heard from 22 citizens, verbally and in writing, who expressed their concerns relating to capital improvements for their communities.
- County Executive Kevin Kamenetz made a presentation to the Planning Board on January 19, 2012. In his remarks, Mr. Kamenetz stated that, in light of the difficult economy, the county budget team is reviewing the capital budget and program to enhance education funding. He

submitted bond referendum levels for FY 2014, FY 2016 and FY 2018 at \$255 million, \$250 million and \$245 million, respectively.

- At three separate work sessions, county agencies presented their capital budget requests to the Capital Improvement Program Committee. Members received reports from the county agencies detailing their capital improvement accomplishments and funding priorities.
- The Department of Planning presented the staff's CIP recommendations to the committee on February 16th and 23rd. After discussion, the CIP Committee accepted the staff recommendations for the FY 2013 Capital Budget and Five-year Program, and suggested several recommendations to be included in the board's cover letter to the director of the Office of Budget and Finance.
- The letter requests that, should additional funds become available, they be directed toward construction and renovation of community college facilities. In addition, the Board requests that the County investigate the purchase of the present Hereford library building and adjoining lot to house a combined library and senior center. Finally, the letter recommends that the Department of Public Works reinstitute the boat shrink wrap recycling program, and add a recycling pickup day during the holiday season by rescheduling operations to avoid additional cost.

Acting for the Chair of the Committee on the Capital Budget and Program, Mr. Gilliss requested that the recommendations, as contained in the committee report and the draft cover letter before the Board, be adopted by the full Planning Board

Mr. Miller **MOVED THAT** the Baltimore County Planning Board approve the FY 2013 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 Office of Budget and Finance. Mr. Perlow seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:49 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Gordon, and Holupka.

A copy of the Report and a copy of the Draft Interoffice Memo along with the FY 2013 Funding Reallocations are filed as Appendix D.

Other Business

1. Legislation: Mr. Murray highlighted the following legislation
 - Bill No. 4-12, which added Planned Unit Development (PUD) advisories to the County Council Website
 - Design Review Panel Appointments, including Mr. John DiMenna as Chair

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Polek seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously at 4:52p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Gordon, and Holupka.

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Approved 4/19/12