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Call to order, introduction of Board members, Pledge of Allegiance, and announcements

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members were:

Present

Ms. Christina Berzins
Mr. Scott Jenkins
Mr. Mark Schlossberg
Mr. Todd Warren
Mr. Chris Haffer
Ms. Nancy Hafford
Mr. Jon Herbst
Mr. Wayne McGinnis
Ms. Cathy Wolfson
Mr. Howard Perlow
Ms. Lori Graf
Mr. Rick Yaffe

Absent

Mr. Scott Phillips
Ms. Michelle Lipkowitz
Mr. Jeffrey Gordon

County staff present included: Andrea Van Arsdale, Jeff Mayhew, Kathy Schlabach, Matt Diana, Dave Thomas, Lloyd Moxley and Janice Graves.

Review of today's agenda

Vice Chairwoman Berzins asked if there were any changes to the tentative agenda. Staff indicated that there were no changes to the tentative agenda.

Minutes of the January 21, 2016 meetings

There was one minor change to the minutes from the January 21st, 2016 meeting. Vice Chairwoman Berzins called for a motion to accept the revised minutes from the January 21st, 2016 meeting. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Ms. Graf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:32 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Phillips and Gordon as well as Ms. Lipkowitz.

Item for Vote

1. Open Space Waiver Fees – Resolution 89-15

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called for a motion to refer County Council Resolution 89-15 to the Administrative Officer of Baltimore County. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Ms. Graf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:34 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Phillips and Gordon as well as Ms. Lipkowitz.

Other Business

2. No Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting to report on
3. Recent County Council legislation of interest to the Board

Mr. Diana gave a report on the recent County Council legislation. There were three pieces of legislation highlighted for the Board members. They were:

- a. Resolution 90-15 – Local Open Space Waiver Fees
- b. Bill 92-15 – Honeygo Area – Panhandle Lots
- c. Resolution 6-16 – Baltimore County Water Supply and Sewerage Plan

CZMP Update

Mr. Mayhew gave the board a CZMP update. There are 516 total issues. The Department of Planning is receiving correspondence from the community, which will be forwarded to the board members and also placed in their workbooks.

Mr. Perlow requested that the CZMP correspondence be sent in groups so that the board members are not inundated with emails, etc. Ms. Van Arsdale noted that many of the issues are County Council issues, and not individual requests.

Vice Chairwoman Berzins asked that an email be sent out reminding the board members that they can change their preferred mailing address if they do not want anything sent to their homes.

Adjournment

Vice Chairwoman Berzins adjourned the meeting until the beginning of the Public Hearing at 5 p.m.

Items for Public Hearing

1. Basic Services Maps

Mr. Dave Thomas, from the Department of Public Works, presented the revised Basic Services Maps to the Board before the Public Hearing began. Mr. Thomas noted that there was one change to the sewer map, at Richlyn Manor, which eliminated any deficient areas outside of the URDL. He also stated that the Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD) have been exempted from the Basic Services Mapping standards, per Bill 79-15, and that those areas have been removed on the revised maps.

Mr. Jenkins asked about the revised maps in regards to the CRDs. He asked specifically about the intersection at York Road and Burke Avenue, and if it had been carved out of the traffic shed due to it being in a CRD. Mr. Thomas replied that the York and Burke intersection was actually unchanged from last year's map. The west side of York Road at that intersection was exempt because it was a part of a Town Center adopted before 1979, and the east side of York Road at that intersection was exempt

because there was a development plan adopted in 2009 that exempted that area from the Basic Services mapping standards. Mr. Thomas then pointed out the intersection of Loch Raven Blvd. and Joppa Rd. that was exempt and removed from the Basic Services Maps due to being part of a CRD.

Mr. Schlossberg asked what the colors on the map corresponded to. Mr. Thomas noted that level of service D was in blue, level of service E was in brown, and level of service F was in red.

Three members of the community signed up to speak. The first to speak was Joe Labella, President of the Towson Manor Village Community Association. He was concerned about the traffic map, specifically the intersection at York and Burke. He stated that just because a development is exempt doesn't mean that it shouldn't be mapped, and noted that all four ways of traffic should be mapped. Mr. Labella stated that this would make it easier for everyone to interpret the maps and identify which projects are exempt and which are not. He also stated that the Basic Services Maps should reflect the reality of traffic at the intersection of York and Burke.

Mr. Linwood Jackson stated that he wanted to understand the process of planning, specifically in regards to historically black communities. Mr. Jackson noted that a Charrette plan had been done in the Turner Station community, but he is not sure where to find information specifically regarding Turner Station. Ms. Hafford noted that she was a part of that Charrette and offered to speak with Mr. Jackson at any time.

Mr. Greg Bauer, President of the Berkley Square Community Association, spoke next. Mr. Bauer stated that exempting areas with traffic deficiencies should not be allowed, and that crossing Burke Avenue for pedestrians is incredibly dangerous. He stated further that allowing development to continue without addressing the traffic problem will continue to hamper the local communities.

Adjournment of Public Hearing

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Mr. Yaffe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 5:18 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Phillips and Gordon as well as Ms. Lipkowitz.