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Note: A copy of the appendices is located in the official Planning Board file.

Minutes
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Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The following members were:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1. Ms. Christina Berzins	1. Mr. N. Scott Phillips
2. Ms. Nancy Hafford	2. Mr. Jon Herbst
3. Ms. Michelle Lipkowitz	3. Mr. Rick Yaffe
4. Mr. Howard Perlow	4. Dr. Chris Haffer
5. Mr. Todd Warren	5. Ms. Lori Graf
6. Mr. Scott Jenkins	6. Mr. Jeffrey Gordon
7. Mr. Mark Schlossberg	
8. Ms. Cathy Wolfson	
9. Mr. Wayne McGinnis	

County staff present included Andrea Van Arsdale, Jeff Mayhew, Kathy Schlaback, Lloyd Moxley, Jeff DelMonico and Kristopher Weaver from the Department of Planning. Mr. Todd Warren arrived at 4:05.

Review of Today's Agenda

Ms. Berzins asked staff if any changes were made to the agenda. Mr. DelMonico confirmed that no changes were made to the agenda after being sent to each Board member the week prior.

Minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting

Vice Chairwoman Berzins asked the Planning Board members if they had any questions regarding the minutes from the February 16th, 2017 meeting. No questions were posed and the Vice Chair entertained a motion to accept the draft minutes. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Mr. Schlossberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:04 p.m. Absent for the vote were Mr. Phillips, Mr. Warren, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Yaffe, Dr. Haffer, Ms. Graf, and Mr. Gordon.

Discussion and Vote

1. Capital Improvement Program Recommendation

Vice Chairwoman Berzins made an announcement that the Capital Improvement Program recommendation vote will be moved ahead of the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan presentation.

Vice Chairwoman Berzins began to read the following staff report on CIP. The Planning Board Capital Improvement Budget and Program process for FY 2018 to FY 2023 began on October 20, 2016 with the Citizen Input Meeting held before the Planning Board. The Board heard from 50 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, 2017. In his remarks, Mr. Kamenetz noted there were few changes from the previous year's budget. The county's fiscal priorities continue to be the Schools for the Future program, which includes the installation of air conditioning in the county's public schools, and road resurfacing. The time sensitive nature of implementing these projects required some of the FY 2018 bond funding approved by the voters last November to be accessed sooner.

The Planning Board Committee on the Capital Budget and Program held a work session on February 2, 2017, during which representatives from the Baltimore County Public Schools and the Community College of Baltimore County presented their capital budget requests.

The Department of Planning presented the staff's CIP recommendations to the committee on February 16, 2017. Staff noted that the differences in the proposed CIP requests over the previous year reflects the forward-funding of school and road surfacing projects. After discussion, the CIP Committee accepted the staff recommendations for the FY 2018 Capital Budget and Five-year Program, and suggested recommendations to be included in the board's cover letter to the Director of the Office of Budget and Finance.

The cover letter strongly requests that additional funds be added to the capital program for an additional gym at Hereford High School, to address flooding in Towson including Riderwood and Lutherville, and for the Community College of Baltimore County. The letter will be accompanied with an attachment of the Planning Board cover letters from 2015 and 2016, reflecting the Board's concerns in addressing these issues.

Ms. Wolfson went on record as saying that the land preservation program, as presented in this budget, is severely underfunded. Since 2014, the budget for land preservation has trended downwards. Ms. Wolfson stated that the land preservation program is now ineffective because it does not have enough funding to purchase the properties for preservation.

Mr. McGinnis asked the Board if it could include the Hereford High School barn roof repair in the recommendation letter.

Ms. Berzins called for a vote on Mr. McGinnis' request to add the barn roof repair at Hereford High School as a fourth priority to the cover letter. Ms. Hafford stated that the Board's discussion on the list of priorities were extensive and recommended against adding a fourth priority. Those that voted in support of the motion were Mr. McGinnis, and Mr. Jenkins. Those that opposed the motion were Ms. Berzins, Ms. Lipkowitz, Ms. Hafford, Ms. Wolfson, Mr. Schlossberg, Mr. Perlow, and Mr. Warren. The motion was denied at 4:10 p.m. The letter is to remain as drafted with three priority items.

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called for a motion to accept the FY 2018 Capital Budget and Five Year Program. Ms. Hafford made a motion to request that the recommendations for the FY 2018 Capital Budget and Five Year Program, as contained in the committee report and the draft cover letter, be adopted by the full Planning Board. Ms. Lipkowitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:11 p.m. Absent for the vote were Mr. Phillips, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Yaffe, Dr. Haffer, Ms. Graf, and Mr. Gordon.

Presentation

2. Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan

Ms. Berzins welcomed Mr. Charlie Reighart from the Department of Public Works to give a presentation on the Ten Year Solid Water Management Plan. Ms. Berzins clarified that this item does not require any action by the Board. The purpose of this presentation is to inform the Planning Board of how the County manages its solid waste.

Mr. Reighart introduced the team from the Department of Public Works that had worked on the development of the plan. The Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan covers from 2019 to 2028. The presentation was a descriptive overview of how the County is well positioned for future management of solid waste. Mr. Reighart explained that the County is fortunate to have landfill capacity for many more years.

The mission statement from the Bureau of Solid Waste Management is to promote waste prevention, increase recycling, increase resource recovery, and decrease the quantity and toxicity of solid waste in our landfills. In 2016, Baltimore County residents recycled 52,425 tons of solid waste. Since 2011, the County has recycled over 50,000 tons of material every year. Moving the County into a single stream process increased participation and efficiency resulting in a positive trend.

Mr. Schlossberg asked about the Monday recycling schedule and expressed his concern about the amount of holidays that fall on Mondays which can then leave recyclables piling up for weeks. Mr. Reighart stated that there are tradeoffs with changing current process that could impact cost/benefit figures but understands the concern. Trash collection is the main priority since it has a higher impact on public health than recyclables do.

Mr. Perlow asked Mr. Reighart if Baltimore County residents recycle at a higher percentage than in surrounding counties. Mr. Reighart indicated that those figures do not exist simply because the County cannot calculate participation rates, only total weight of the materials collected.

Mr. Jenkins inquired about how the County does advertising for recycling. Mr. Reighart mentioned that the County advertises in the schools, community groups, and host tours of the single stream sorting facilities.

Ms. Berzins offered a suggestion to Mr. Reighart about using a free online application called "Next Door". Ms. Berzins explained that the app alerts small communities with local news updates. Ms. Berzins added that the Baltimore County Environmental Police and other county municipalities currently employ this app to notify locals of certain activities which helps to tighten security. Ms. Berzins recommended the Bureau of Solid Waste Management utilize this app to spread knowledge about the fiscal and environmental benefits of recycling. Mr. Reighart concurred that there is room for improvement with spreading information on recycling.

Ms. Wolfson asked if the County leases any capacity of the landfill. Ms. Wolfson then asked about the rules for individual composting. Mr. Reighart shared that composting is limited only to yard materials, not food scraps, due to the potential for rodent infestation. The County accepts materials at its landfill at \$100 a ton; this is a high rate to discourage the practice.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Vice Chairwoman Berzins called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Schlossberg made the motion and Ms. Lipkowitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:57 p.m. Absent for the vote were Mr. Phillips, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Yaffe, Dr. Haffer, Ms. Graf, and Mr. Gordon.
