

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting for

January 4, 2017

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Members Present: Bill Hopwood, Chair; Anthony Bruscia, Vice-Chair; Bob White, Secretary; William Hall; Sharon Suarez; Carole Sepe; Samuel Tressler

Staff Present: David Whitaker; Chief, Comprehensive Planning; Mike Paone, Contractual Principal Planner; Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner; John Dimitriou, Principal Planner; Dial Keju, Transportation Planner; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None

3. **LIVABLE FREDERICK WORKSHOP**

**Staff Presentation:**

*David Whitaker, Chief, Comprehensive Planning*

Mr. Whitaker gave a brief overview of the comprehensive plan process; a timeline of its progress and how the scenarios and other elements fit in. Trends and scenarios were worked on by the eight workgroups within the Steering Committee; a first draft chapter for the plan was developed.

Trend scenarios based on feedback are still being developed. Once these scenarios are brought before the Commission for review, it will formally recommend a preferred scenario plan draft to the Council and ultimately to the County Executive for approval.

Mr. Whitaker outlined six plan principles/best practices:

- 1) Livable built environment
- 2) Planning for multi-modal transportation
- 3) Harmony with nature
- 4) Resilient economy
- 5) Interwoven equity
- 6) Healthy community

Dana French, a member of the Steering Committee, summarized the committee's role in the update of the county's comprehensive plan and the formation and guidance of workgroups within the committee. The process evolves from the vision phase to the action phase of the plan. Without vision, skills, collaboration, resources and action there is no change.

Barry Weller, also a member of the Steering Committee gave a brief overview of the housing group-affordable housing. He noted that developers were invited to provide input about the challenges of building affordable housing.

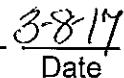
Planning Commission member comments included:

- How can we sell this vision to future generations?
- How do we get more input from the community?
- It may have been helpful to have had all Planning Commission members involved, each in a separate workgroup of the Steering Committee.
- The vision statement in its entirety should be widely distributed.
- Links to the Livable Frederick/Planning Commission workshops/agenda dates be posted on the Livable Frederick website and include an area for public comments.
- Frederick County has much to offer. People coming into the county should be given the opportunity to be a part of the vision process.

Mr. Whitaker noted that the Scenario component will be presented at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Livable Frederick workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Bill Hopwood, Chair

  
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