

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting for  
March 29, 2017

Members Present: Bill Hopwood, Chair; William Hall; Bob White; Carole Sepe

Staff Present: Steve Horn, Division Director; David Whitaker, Chief of Comprehensive Planning; Mike Paone, Contractual Principal Planner; Dial Keju; Transportation Planner; John Dimitriou, Principal Planner; Tim Goodfellow, Principal Planner; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Specialist.

Public Attending: Dana French, Karen Russell, Mark Long

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 am

**1. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None

**2. AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING**

Mr. Horn briefed the Commission on the Livable Frederick timeline. He noted that May is the target date to forward the draft Plan to the County Council. Additional FcPc work session will be scheduled to quickly move the process along.

**3. LIVABLE FREDERICK WORK SESSION**

Mr. Whitaker reviewed the Commission's preferred scenarios and comments from the prior work session of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Staff draft was revised based on the Commission's input.

The work session today focused on a diagrammatic map; reviewing concepts of the map; discussion of primary and secondary growth; possibly bring key workgroup members into the work session for discussion.

Some key points of discussion included:

- Open space
- County and Municipal coordination
- Annexation
- Transportation concepts – rail service to Baltimore; bus rapid transit; examine road corridors; industrial districts near the rail and the need for transportation and roads to these areas
- Impacts on land preservation and existing agricultural areas

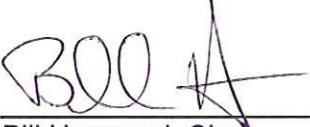
The Commission commenced examining the presented Plan draft page by page. Among the members' comments were:

- Format - design pages so they are easily readable.
- Understandability – text should be written so that the average person can understand
- Check the facts – verify the sources
- Substance – make this an enforceable document consistent with policy

- Provide appendix; footnotes
- Acknowledgement of all who worked on the Plan

Policies and initiatives will be discussed at the next workshop. It was noted at the end of the meeting that at the consensus of the Planning Commission, it would accept any comments/suggestions from the public attending these work sessions via email.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm  
Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Bill Hopwood, Chair

5-10-17  
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