

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
April 6, 2017

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

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

Public Attending: Martha Gurzick; Eric Soter; Robert Ramsburg; Dana French; Kai Hagen; Edward McCutcheon; Jim Jamieson; Karin Tome; Mary Ellen Mitchell; Monica Grant; Barbara Brookmyer

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am

1. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. Hopwood had concerns about the aggressive schedule of these workshops; while realizing the timeline to complete the draft plan is crucial, Planning Commission members have other obligations and scheduling becomes an issue and fears having multiple meetings in one week, could set a precedence. Mr. Horn will coordinate with members to accommodate their schedules. Livable Frederick staff does distribute summaries of the work sessions and also suggest if members share comments with staff electronically, this may help keep meeting dates to a minimum but optimize time spent.

It was brought up that in the past, there were 'open house' events throughout the county where the public could view maps, information, etc. Mr. Dimitriou noted that this plan is not a parcel/map based approach; it is a document based plan. Mr. Horn added that once the Planning Commission has finished the plan draft, if appropriate, a town-hall/open house opportunity comes out for a 60-day review, then the document is recommended by the Planning Commission at public hearing. It was decided that this discussion would continue at the next meeting.

2. AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING

None

3. LIVABLE FREDERICK WORK SESSION

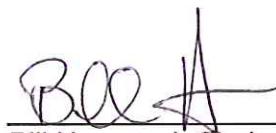
Mr. Whitaker opened with a video of what has been discussed, as well as comments, thus far on the four main themes:

- Community
- Health
- Economy
- Environment

The process of reviewing the plan draft continued with comments and input, page by page. Comments, questions and input from citizens attending were also welcomed. Mr. Horn and Mr. Hopwood agreed that it would be permissible for Planning Commission members to accept comments/emails from the public.

Planning Commission members agreed to share comments with staff and other members via email. Over all, members expressed that the progress is being made in these work sessions and all commended the work of staff.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted,


Bill Hopwood, Chair 5-10-17
Date