FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
April 25, 2017

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

Members Absent: Bob White

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

Public Attending: Dana French; Kevin Sellner; Kathleen Rall; Karen Russell, Bob Robey; Kai Hagen; Jim
                     Jamieson; Peter Borack

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am

1. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**
    Ms. Suarez noted that Frederick City is not a "small town". Of the 19,000 +/- municipalities in
    Maryland, Frederick City is in the top 500 of the largest cities listed, along with Baltimore and
    Gaithersburg.

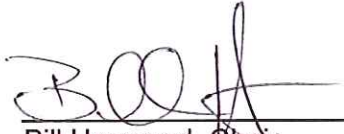2. **AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING**
    None

3. **LIVABLE FREDERICK WORK SESSION**
    Discussion highlights of the workshop covered Economics.
    -   Assets and advantages – tourism, civil war heritage, local restaurants, hiking, biking,
        non-motorized trails
    -   Agricultural Preservation goals – acreage preserve, expansion of property tax credit,
        transfer of development rights. Finding a balance between preserve and open
        space/holding zone. *Ms. Suarez requested possibly adding an agricultural workshop in
        the Fall to the Planning Commission "tickler" list.
    -   Environment/Energy – This component is fundamental in the comprehensive plan; an
        environmental impact on development
        1. Adopt a green infrastructure plan
        2. Tree canopy
        3. Ecology and sustainability outreach
        4. Locally produced agricultural and regenerative farming
        5. Increase recycling and add salvage yards

An email will be sent to the members to confirm availability for the next workshop date.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

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Bill Hopwood, Chair   Date