

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting for  
March 2, 2022  
Virtual Meeting

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Members Present: Sam Tressler III, Chair; Craig Hicks, Vice-Chair; Carole Sepe; Michael Sowell and Robert White, Jr.

Members Absent: Joel Rensberger (recused from Sugarloaf), Terry Bowie

Staff Present: Kimberly Golden Brandt, Livable Frederick Director; Steve Horn, Division Director; Kathy Mitchell, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Denis Superczynski, Livable Frederick Planning Manager; Tim Goodfellow, Livable Frederick Environmental Planner; and Karen James, Administrative Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mr. Tressler

2. **ROLL CALL** Mr. Tressler

3. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Ms. Sepe said she received a letter about a potential conflict of interest and provided a response, and submitted a letter for review. She stated that she does not have any conflicts of interest in the Sugarloaf Plan in her role as a Planning Commission member.

Mr. White asked Ms. Mitchell about public comment and asking those addressing the Planning Commission to provide their address. Mr. White expressed that requiring people to give their complete home address could endanger them. Ms. Mitchell explained that should there be an appeal, it is necessary to have the address for notification. Ms. Mitchell said she would follow up on this concern.

4. **AGENCY COMMENTS/AGENDA BRIEFING**

None

5. **DRAFT SUGARLOAF TREASURED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Ms. Brandt explained that the focus of this workshop is the proposed overlay. She provided instructions to the public to offer comment during the meeting. Mr. Goodfellow provided a brief refresher on the overlay text and answered questions posed by the Planning Commission members.

Public comment was accepted from 9:58 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

Ten calls: six live, four recorded messages played during the meeting. Commission members and staff responded to public comment.

Break taken at 11:25 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Horn addressed the Planning Commission members and staff. He thanked Ms. Brandt and Mr. Goodfellow for their work on the plan. He also said that the Commission has done great work. He pointed out that the Commission is advisory to the County Council on matters of zoning, and noted that there are additional steps in the Planning Commission's process and that there will be additional opportunities for public comment.

Mr. Hicks moved the Planning Commission apply the Sugarloaf Rural Heritage Overlay Zoning District to the entire Sugarloaf planning area. Mr. Sowell, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>4-1-0-2</u>
FOR:	4 - Tressler, Hicks, White, Sowell
AGAINST:	1 - Sepe
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2 - Rensberger, Bowie

Mr. Hicks asked if they should now vote to send the draft to the State for review. Mr. Horn was in agreement.

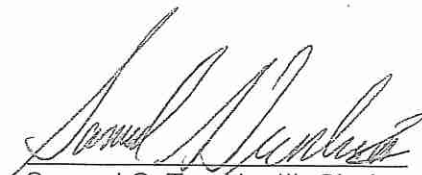
Mr. White moved the Planning Commission forward the draft Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Management Plan to the State for 60-day review. Mr. Sowell, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>4-1-0-2</u>
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Mr. Sowell announced that he would be stepping down from the Planning Commission due to personal matters that require his attention. He said he did not want to be a part-time Commission member. He also shared that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Mr. Tressler said Mr. Sowell has been a positive asset to the Commission and thanked him for his service. Commissioners and staffed echoed Mr. Tressler's words.

Mr. Tressler declared the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

  
Samuel G. Tressler III, Chair

4/13/22  
Date