

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*, Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Countywide Comprehensive Plan (Plan) Update – Eric Soter and Jim Gugel, Planning Division

Discussion of Priority Preservation Areas (PPA)

Tim Blaser and Anne Bradley, Planning Division, briefed the Board on the PPA. Mr. Blaser stated the PPA was the primary component of the Priority Preservation Element, a part of the Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006. He also reviewed the PPA criteria.

Commissioner Hagen moved to expand the Walkersville PPA west of the Monocacy River to include the properties on the north and south side of Biggs Ford Road, across U.S. Route 15 and the south side of Sundays Lane, south side of Bloomfield Road and the north side of Willowbrook Road, north of the City of Frederick's limit. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

(Commissioner Gardner passed the gavel to Commissioner Gray.)

Commissioner Gardner moved to expand the eastern PPA to the north side of Woodsboro Pike, east side of Legore Road, south side of Hiney Road, south side of Rocky Ridge Road and east to the Carroll County line to include a large block of existing preservation land. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

(Commissioner Gray passed the gavel back to Commissioner Gardner.)

A discussion ensued on the Open Space/Recreation floating zone. It was indicated it could be addressed through an amendment to the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance.

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Review of additional revisions to the application of the Natural Resource (NR) land use plan designation

Mr. Gugel reviewed the changes that were made in the draft land use plan.

Staff briefed the Board on how the corridor areas would be updated once the Plan was finished.

Mr. Gugel reviewed the upcoming schedule.

QUESTIONS - PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary