

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
May 31, 2017

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

Staff Present: Dave Whitaker, Chief of Comprehensive Planning; Mike Paone, Contractual Principal Planner; Dial Keju, Transportation Planner; John Dimitriou, Principal Planner; Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Specialist

Public Attending: Scott Minton; Mary Ellen Mitchell; Barry Weller; Jim Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am

1. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. Hopwood inquired about maps. As this is a thematic plan, maps will be general; not parcel specific. A comprehensive map will be available after the plan is adopted. Tiered map will be included in the plan as required by the state.

2. AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING

None

3. LIVABLE FREDERICK WORK SESSION


Mr. Whitaker briefed the Commission on the focus of today's workshop; to review and discuss the "Our Community"; housing sections consisting of pages AP-27 through AP-35 from the annotated plan. At the request of the Commission, members from the Housing workgroup were in attendance to answer questions and provide collective input from the workgroup. Key points discussed were:

- Affordable housing programs
- Addressing the density required for any moderately priced housing to be successful
- What can the county do if the federal government does not help? Can a portion of the general revenue be directed to affordable housing?
- In Frederick County, affordable housing currently isn't written to help the middle income population.

Ms. Mary Ellen Mitchell from the Housing workgroup noted that the Affordable Housing Council is examining best practices in nearby counties outside of Frederick County.

Affordable housing in the county should be a large part of the comprehensive plan to provide safe and affordable housing for everyone. Frederick County needs to provide or revisit the current legislation to address this.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Hopwood, Chair

8-9-17

Date