

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
March 5, 2018

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Members Present: Anthony Bruscia, Chair; Carol Sepe, Secretary; Bill Hopwood; Sharon Suarez; Sam Tressler; Craig Hicks

Members Absent: Bob White, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Steve Horn, Division Director; John Dimitriou, Principal Planner; Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner; Mike Paone, Contractual Principal Planner; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Ms. Sepe asked Staff for a list of organizations, municipalities, and communities that Staff has presented to, along with any concerns discussed, and a summary of the comments received. She also noted that there were several comments that potentially could have been entered into Livable Frederick website or sent to Planning and Zoning or the Steering Committee. She added that she had not seen any response or comments from the State and assumed that Staff would present to them as well if they had not already done so.

Addressing the public, Ms. Sepe reiterated that the Planning Commission released this draft for a 60-day review and public input and added that this hearing should not become a political forum. She hoped that everyone present tonight has had a chance to read the draft and is ready to provide some valuable comments. She intends to personally consider and address every concern and comment, and encouraged individuals to let the Commission know where the plan needs to be more detailed or what areas to focus on. The plan will continue to be revised as the Commission considers all comments on the draft. Public comments as well as additional Planning Commission comments will be discussed at follow up workshops. Speaking for herself, Ms. Sepe stated that when and if approved, the plan forwarded to the County Council will be the Planning Commission's plan as mandated by Maryland Land Use Article. It should not be a political plan. It should be inclusive and a plan for all.

Mr. Hicks and Mr. Bruscia thanked everyone for taking the time to attend tonight's hearing and the Commission appreciates the public interest.

3. **LIVABLE FREDERICK PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of the public hearing is to take comments on the Livable Frederick Master Plan.

Staff Presentation:

John Dimitriou, Principal Planner

Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner

Mike Paone, Contractual Principal Planner

Public comment was heard from the following:

Rolan O. Clark
Tracie Clabaugh
Martha Hartlaub
Scott Minton
Nick Carrera
Denise Jacoby
Kai Hagen (on behalf of Envision Frederick County)

Jim Jamieson
Jim Racheff
Kevin Sellner
Alexandra Carrera
Barb Trader
Steve McKay

Mr. Hicks inquired when the record should be closed. Mr. Horn responded that it is up to the Commission to determine how long to leave it open. He advised having the record remain open for groups and agencies that needed more time to offer comments, but he cautioned the Commission not to leave it open indefinitely and set a time frame.

Comments received in the past 60 days from organizations, staff organized open houses, state agencies (received today), written and public comments received tonight will be compiled into one document to the Planning Commission to review page by page at follow-up scheduled workshops.

Mr. Bruscia announced the record is still open, and the time frame for closing the record will be discussed further at next week's regular Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 14th. The Commission expressed its appreciation to Staff and workgroups for all of the hard work and effort put into this plan, and extended sincere thanks to the public for attending and involvement in this process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

 04/11/2018

Anthony Bruscia, Chair Date