

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
October 17, 2018

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Members Present: Bob White, Chair; Carole Sepe, Vice-Chair; Sharon Suarez, Secretary; Craig Hicks; Rensberger

Members Absent: Sam Tressler; Terry Bowie

Staff Present: Steve Horn, Division Director; Jim Gugel, Director, Planning; Michael Chomel, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. MINUTES TO APPROVE

September 12, 2018 – Mr. Rensberger moved to approve said minutes as written. Mr. Hicks 2nd.

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| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>4-0-0-3</u> |
| FOR: | 4 – Rensberger, Hicks, White, Sepe |
| AGAINST: | 0 |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 |
| ABSENT: | 3 – Suarez, Tressler, Bowie |

At this time, Ms. Suarez joined the meeting.

September 19, 2018 – Mr. Hicks moved to approve said minutes as written. Mr. Rensberger 2nd.

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| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>5-0-0-2</u> |
| FOR: | 5 – Hicks, Rensberger, White, Sepe, Suarez |
| AGAINST: | 0 |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 |
| ABSENT: | 2 – Tressler, Bowie |

3. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. White brought up recent comments made by some County candidates regarding the Livable Frederick program, who expressed the need for more public comment. Mr. White responded that there will be another public hearing. Mr. Horn also addressed the issue that there are still multiple rounds of public review and comments through the Planning Commission process and the County Council process. The development process of this plan has been ongoing for at least two and half years; he added that the actual foundation of the plan was a survey of public participation which yielded a very good response. Extraordinary measures have been made to encourage public input. Some may not be aware of the input and efforts that Staff and the Commission have taken to encourage public review. The Planning Commission is nearing the point to forward the plan to the Council, possibly after the first of 2019.

4. AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING

Mr. Gugel briefed the Commission on the upcoming meetings. A Livable Frederick work session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 9:00 am. Looking ahead to the November 14th regular meeting, only two development review items and an Ag Preservation IPP cycle item are on the agenda.

5. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

- a) *Bill 18-27 Bodywork Establishment* – To define “Bodywork” establishments within Frederick County, as a use within Frederick County Code, Chapter 1-19 (Zoning Ordinance)

Staff Presentation:

Michael Chomel, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Sydnee Sichert, Legislative Analyst for the County Council

Public Comment:

None

Mr. Hicks, while in favor of the bill, had issues with certain language in the body of the bill and recommended a list of changes. Ms. Sichert responded that legislation must be decided by October 31st, so given the time frame, there would not be an opportunity for the Planning Commission to propose a recommendation of a list of changes. Ms. Suarez proposed that the language could be accepted as is today, but possibly address the list of changes Mr. Hicks presented at a later time.

Motion #1: Ms. Sepe made a motion to recommend approval to the County Council. Ms. Suarez 2nd.

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| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>5-0-0-2</u> |
| FOR: | 5 – Sepe, Suarez, White, Hicks, Rensberger |
| AGAINST: | 0 |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 |
| ABSENT: | 2 – Tressler, Bowie |

Motion #2:

Mr. Hicks made a motion to recommend to the County Council, a modification to the language of ‘bodywork’ definition. Mr. Rensberger 2nd.

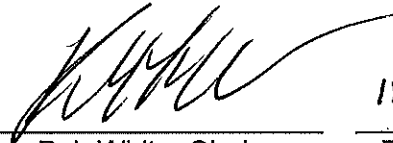
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| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>5-0-0-2</u> |
| FOR: | 5 – Hicks, Rensberger, White, Sepe, Suarez |
| AGAINST: | 0 |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 |
| ABSENT: | 2 – Tressler, Bowie |

Motion #3:

Ms. Sepe made a motion to recommend to the Council, to simplify the list of businesses that the term ‘bodywork’ does not apply to; licensed by the State or professionally trained individuals through a national testing process, or employees of a licensed business, educational institution, or sports team performing their employment duty. Mr. Hicks 2nd.

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| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>5-0-0-2</u> |
| FOR: | 5 – Sepe, Hicks, White, Suarez, Rensberger |
| AGAINST: | 0 |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 |
| ABSENT: | 2 – Tressler, Bowie |

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am
Respectfully Submitted,



Bob White, Chair

11/14/2018
Date