

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting for
December 19, 2018

See video for further meeting details: <http://frederickcountymd.gov/5956/Video-Archives>

Members Present: Bob White, Chair; Carole Sepe, Vice-Chair; Sharon Suarez, Secretary; Sam Tressler; Craig Hicks; Terry Bowie; Joel Rensberger

Staff Present: Steve Horn, Division Director; Jim Gugel, Planning Director; Wendy Kearney, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Kathy Mitchell, Assistant County Attorney; John Dimitriou, Principal Planner; Denis Superczynski, Principal Planner; and Pattie Wolfgang, Administrative Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Ms. Sepe reminded the Commissioners that the Planning Commission calendar designates the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for meetings and workshops, and that members should plan their schedules accordingly.

3. **AGENCY COMMENTS / AGENDA BRIEFING**

Mr. Gugel briefed the Commission on the upcoming meetings in January; January 9th will be the regular meeting; and January 16th at 7:00 pm will be the Monocacy River Plan public hearing.

4. **LIVABLE FREDERICK MASTER PLAN**

Mr. White announced that it is time to move forward on the Livable Frederick Master Plan. He suggested that the Commission move tonight to open the public comment period beginning tomorrow, December 20, with public comment closing at the conclusion of the final Livable Frederick public hearing that will be scheduled for approximately March 6, 2019, and post this announcement on the Livable Frederick website. He added that because the Commission and staff will be working on parts of the plan in the interim, the website should continually post any updates of those areas; so the public can comment can be made on updates.

Mr. Hicks moved to release the Livable Frederick manuscript in its current form, for public comment tomorrow, December 20, 2018, with the understanding that the Planning Commission can continue to make changes and reflect updates on the website; with further understanding that staff will complete those changes 30 days prior to the public hearing on Livable Frederick, and public comments will be closed at the conclusion of that hearing. Mr. Tressler 2nd.

<u>VOTE</u>	7-0-0-0
FOR:	7 – Hicks, Tressler, White, Sepe, Suarez, Bowie, Rensberger
AGAINST:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

5. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

- a) R-18-01 Whitmore/Biggs Ford Solar Center – Applicant requested to rezone 151 +/- acres from Agricultural to The Solar Facility Commercial District Floating Zone designation.

Staff Presentation:

Jim Gugel, Planning Director

Applicant Presentation:

Noel Manalo, Miles & Stockbridge; Ryan Gilchrist, Biggs Ford Solar Center, LLC, Applicant

Public Comment:

Patrick Volovar
Michael Goldsmith
Richard C. Brady
Denny Duvall
Bonnie Volovar
Sandra Hardey Brown
Andrew Toms
Mitch Brannen
Mallory Stanislawczyk

Rebuttal:

Noel Manalo, Miles & Stockbridge

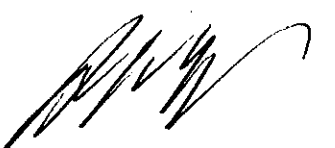
Decision: Motion #1 - Mr. Tressler made a motion to recommend denial of the request to rezone the Whitmore property from Agricultural to Solar Facility – Commercial zoning district based upon the findings of the staff report. Mr. Hicks 2nd.

VOTE 7-0-0-0
FOR: 7 – Tressler, Hicks, White, Sepe, Suarez, Bowie, Rensberger
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion #2: Mr. Hicks made a motion to recommend that the County Council, review §1-19-10.700 of the Frederick County Code 1.19.10.700 and evaluate whether it is meeting the County's goal regarding renewable energy. The evaluation should include input from all stakeholders. Mr. Rensberger 2nd.

VOTE 7-0-0-0
FOR: 7 – Hicks, Rensberger, White, Sepe, Suarez, Tressler, Bowie
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,



Bob White, Chair

2/13/2019
Date