

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission
Work Session
Carroll County Master Plan

September 26, 2011

Location: Carroll County Office Building

Members Present: Dennis Wertz, Chairman
Charles M. Chadwick, Vice Chair
Melvin E. Baile, Jr.
Richard J. Soisson
R. Wayne Barnes
Richard S. Rothschild, Ex-Officio
Cynthia L. Cheatwood, Alternate

Members Absent: Alec Yeo

Present with the Commission were the following persons: Commissioner Robin Frazier; Tom Devilbiss, Brenda Dinne, Ralph Robertson, and Kelly Martin, Department of Land Use, Planning, and Development; Daphne Daly, Bureau of Planning; Clay Black, Bureau of Development Review; George Otto, III; Robert A. Kurland; Shirley Hoff; Richard Demmitt; Brian DiMaggio; and members of the press.

DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Commission reviewed the e-mails and comment cards that have been received. Staff was instructed to hold onto the e-mails from Mr. Reamer and Mr. Cimino for use during the Freedom Plan update.

Mr. Baile indicated that several people had asked him how to obtain a copy of the marked up Master Plan document that the Commission is utilizing during its work sessions.

Commissioner Rothschild indicated that the document had never been made public because it is still a draft that was not officially approved by the entire Board.

Mr. Baile expressed concern that the public has no access to the document the Commission is using as the basis of its review. He suggested this was excluding citizens from the process.

Commissioner Rothschild reminded the Commission that the Board had no idea the Commission was going to use the marked up document in its review process. He indicated he would discuss the issue with the rest of the Commissioners.

The Commission continued their review of Chapter 4 – Vision Statement & Goals, by revisiting Goal 2 at the request of Mr. Baile.

Mr. Wertz asked for public comments at the completion of the Commission's review of Chapter 4.

Mr. Bob Kurland suggested that our liberties are under attack and the Commission should affirm the Maryland Constitution and the United States Constitution in its review of the Master Plan document.

Mr. Brian DiMaggio, Finksburg, questioned the meaning of Goal 14, Encourage the involvement of the community in implementing the Master Plan. He suggested the current language seems to encourage the writing of complaints regarding other individuals if you think they are not following the Master Plan. He asked that the Commission review the language again.

The Commission began its review of Chapter 5 – Agriculture. This discussion will be continued during the next work session scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Secretary

Approved