

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

November 3, 2011

Location: Carroll County Office Building

Members Present: Dennis Wertz, Chairman
Charles M. Chadwick, Vice Chair
Melvin E. Baile, Jr.
Alec Yeo
Richard J. Soisson
Cynthia L. Cheatwood, Alternate

Members Absent: R. Wayne Barnes
Richard S. Rothschild, Ex-Officio

Present with the Commission were the following persons: Tom Devilbiss, Brenda Dinne, and Kelly Martin, Department of Land Use, Planning, and Development; Daphne Daly, Bureau of Planning; Brian DiMaggio; Charlene Miller; Sarah Miller; and members of the press.

The Commission began its review of Chapter 11: Heritage.

Mr. Chadwick questioned whether there were any Target Investment Zones (TIZs) in Carroll County.

Ms. Daly indicated that Taneytown and Westminster have been identified as TIZs, and the Heritage Area Management Plan identified Sykesville as a potential site if it meets certain criteria. She explained that the Taneytown Streetscape project utilized heritage area funding for the decorative lighting.

Mr. Chadwick questioned whether any funding is available to publicize the “Journey Through Hallowed Ground” National Heritage Area.

Ms. Daly explained that the National Heritage Area has its own funding.

Mr. Chadwick suggested that the reference to “Celebrating America” on page 87 should be in quotes and defined in the Glossary.

The Commission discussed the recommendation to regularly update and maintain the Maryland Inventory for Historic Properties for Carroll County, questioning how this can be done without funding. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to change the wording in Recommendation A. to “Investigate opportunities to update and maintain . . .”

The Commission completed its review of Chapter 11, and there were no citizen comments.

The Commission reviewed Chapter 13: Interjurisdictional Cooperation, making adjustments to the Goal. There was considerable discussion regarding the Commission scheduling regular meetings with the municipal planning commissions to discuss mutual planning issues.

Following review of Chapter 13, Mr. Wertz asked for citizen comments. There were none.

The Commission reviewed Chapter 16: Parks, amending the language in the Goal. There was a brief discussion regarding requiring larger subdivisions to provide areas for recreation. The Commission asked that the term “greenways” be defined in the Glossary.

Following review of Chapter 16, Mr. Wertz asked for citizen comments. There being none, the work session adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Secretary

Approved