

**CECIL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PUBLIC SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
*April 23, 2008***

Attendance

Member	Present
Henry Shaffer Chairperson	yes
Donna Deckard Vice Chairperson	yes
Jeff Clewer	yes
Sarah Colenda	yes
Shawn Day	yes
John Denver	yes
Patricia Folk	yes
Chuck Smyser	yes
Vicki Strause	yes

Other Attendees	Affiliation
Dr. Stephen Pannill	President, Cecil College
Michael Bayer	Senior Planner, ERM Consultant
Tony DiGiacomo,	Principal Planner, Office of Planning, Zoning, et al.
Kathy Kunda	BEPAC Coordinator, Cecil County Public Schools

Call to Order (*time/date/location of meeting*)
2:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008 at the GWC Board of Education Office

Meeting outcomes were reviewed. *Please refer to attached meeting agenda.*

Old Business

Dick Shaffer confirmed our timeline and reminded everyone that the Public Services Subcommittee report has been moved forward with a completion date of September '08 and a report to the Oversight Committee in October '08.

Discussions continued as to the types of community facilities and public services that should be considered for inclusion in Public Services Plan. Also identified are committee members that will be the "point persons" with department heads to facilitate the gathering of information and reporting back to the Committee. Services were further identified and headings refined. Updates were provided by committee members regarding the information gathering processes.

PUBLIC SAFETY:(Dick Shaffer, Jeff Clewer, John Denver and Donna Deckard)

Emergency Services

Fire and Rescue Service

Police Protection (Sheriff, Municipal Police, State Police, et al)

Juvenile Services

Correctional Services

PUBLIC HEALTH (Chuck Smyser, Dick Shaffer)

Health Department

Hospitals

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Dick Shaffer)

HIGHER EDUCATION/CECIL COLLEGE (Sarah Colenda)

PUBLIC LIBRARY (Pat Folk)

SOLID WASTE (Vicki Strause)

Dick Shaffer, Jeff Clewer, John Denver and Donna Deckard are to handle the public safety area. Dick to get questions to the Sheriff, Chief of Emergency Services, municipal police and Maryland State Police. Dick is to contact Juvenile Services. Jeff is to handle Correctional Services. John Denver and Donna Deckard are to contact fire chiefs and provide to them questions and gather their input. Chuck Smyser is to contact the Health Department, Union Hospital, et al., and take the lead in this area. Dick Shaffer will work with Public Schools and Sarah Colenda with Cecil College. Pat Folk is working with the Public Library. Vicki Strause and Mike Bayer will deal with the solid waste area. Mike is to meet with the head of the landfill this week and gather that information, including a copy of their plan.

The committee finalized the list of questions to be used in gathering information. *See attached.* Questionnaires to be returned in two weeks.

New Business

Sarah Colenda, committee member, introduced Dr. Stephen Pannill, President of Cecil College, who presented information on Cecil's Strategic Plan and led a discussion on the College's other higher education initiatives. *See attached copy of the Cecil College Strategic Plan 2005-2010 and power point presentation.*

Other notes relative to the Cecil College Report are as follows:

Dr. Pannill spoke specifically about the existing facilities which included the Community Cultural Center (Library wing), the Community Cultural Center (Theatre wing), Arts and Sciences Building, Technology Center, and the Physical Education and Activities Building. Proposed projects include a Physical Education and Activities Building Addition, Community Cultural Center Theatre Wing Addition, Student Center, Academic Building, Conference Center, Day Care Center, Facilities Management and Receiving Building and Concessions Building. Long-Term Projects include Future Parking Deck/Covered Entry to Theatre, University Partners Project, Future “Student Village” and other Future Expansion/Complementary Uses.

From a student support perspective, Dr. Pannill spoke to existing facilities and future growth at the North East, Elkton and Bainbridge campuses. The College felt they were adding needed services however the students expect a lot more support from the college. The need for more math and science prepared students was a significant reason for the agreement with UMBC and other partners in higher education. Cecil has added more on-line courses and services to meet the needs of students. Elkton Station is being used for new pathways such as the education pathway. In addition, Salisbury University is working with Cecil on a 4 year degree in social work. College owns all the property from their existing campus up to the covered bridge on Rte. 272 except for 1/3 acre. College is excited about the new comprehensive high school and the partnership for shared facilities. The college is anticipating an enrollment of 3500 students by 2010. In 8-10 years Cecil hopes to have resident dorms and a child care center on campus. Dr. Pannill is excited about the 15 acre campus at Bainbridge and the possibility of having UMBC build a math and science building on this site. The College will continue to explore opportunities to add new locations as the need presents itself, i.e., south of the canal in the Cecilton area.

Recommendations/Action Items for Staff and Consultants

It was recommended by Mike Bayer, ERM, contact a representative of the County and present questions relative to the solid waste plan.

Recommendations/Action Items for Oversight Committee

None at this time.

Adjournment – 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting is May 7, 2008

Minutes Prepared by: Henry Shaffer, Chairperson

Date: April 23, 2008