

CECIL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WORKSESSION MINUTES

2 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Doordan, B. Patrick; Edwards, Guy; Janusz, Joe; McDowell, H. Clay; Wallace, Wyatt; Wiggins, Kennard; Lane, Diane; Di Giacomo, Tony; Sennstrom, Eric

Absent: Mortimer, William

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Doordan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

New Business: Vice Chairman Doordan stated that the Planning Commission will commence this evening's meeting with a review of Chapter 6. Dr. Lane provided an overview of the contents of the chapter and summarized the work that the consultants and COC members put into the development of the chapter's contents. Discussion ensued on Chapter 6 with specific attention on Table 6.1, Map 6.2, surface impoundments, de-nitrifying septic systems, aquifers in the piedmont and coastal plain, and nutrient loads. The Planning Commission concurred that the language of 6.8.2 should be re-written to make de-nitrifying septic systems optional and to ask Chuck Smyser in the Department of Environmental Health if he has suggestion for a minimum distance other than the draft plan's 1,000 feet.

Vice Chairman Doordan reminded the Planning Commission that they need to set their meeting schedule for the remainder of November. The Planning Commission agreed to meet on 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, and 11/30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building located at 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

The Planning Commission initiated a review of Chapter 7. The discussion of the chapter's contents focused on the proposed increase to the non-tidal wetland buffer in the rural areas from 25' to 75', and the green infrastructure section. The Planning Commission decided to re-insert the Green Infrastructure Map without the words "Cecil County" and "Plan" in its title. Vice Chairman Doordan stated that the non-tidal wetland buffer should remain at 25' in the rural areas. H. Clay McDowell agreed. Doordan, Edwards, Janusz and McDowell voted to leave the non-tidal wetland buffer at 25' in the rural areas. Dr. Lane noted that the recommendation contained in 7.1.2 was a contentious issue with the COC.

Adjournment: Vice Chairman Doordan adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 9 November 2009, 6:00 p.m., Elk Room, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

Respectfully Submitted:

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