

MEETING SUMMARY
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission
October 4, 2017

Location: Carroll County Office Building

Members Present: Richard J. Soisson, Chair
Cynthia L. Cheatwood, Vice Chair
Alec Yeo
Eugene A. Canale
Daniel E. Hoff
Dennis E. Frazier
Jeffrey A. Wothers

Members Absent:

Present with the Commission were the following persons: Lynda Eisenberg, Mary Lane and Laura Bavetta, Department of Planning.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Soisson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Laura Bavetta took attendance and noted that six members of the Board were present and a quorum was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING REMARKS

Secretary Eisenberg greeted everyone and noted the addition of the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan Discussion on the Agenda and recommended the Revised Agenda be approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The revised agenda was approved on motion by Mr. Yeo, seconded by Mr. Wothers, and carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Administrative Matters

Secretary Eisenberg reminded the Commission that our next meeting will be held on October 10th. Secretary Eisenberg introduced Sarah Ingerson, Department of Planning Intern, to the Commission. Future meeting dates were discussed. Meetings will be held on November 1st, November 21st, and November 29th. The December 6th meeting is cancelled due to the Winter MACO Conference.

B. Other

There were no other reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

FREEDOM COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – DISCUSSION

Commissioner Howard explained to the Commission why the Plan was being remanded back to them.

Mr. Hoff stated that even though they have heard all of the suggestions from the public, there will always be citizens that don't agree with their decisions.

Commissioner Frazier clarified that his understanding is that the Board of Commissioners would like the Planning Commission to clean up land use definitions and look at why properties were changed.

Commission Howard agreed with Commission Frazier's statement.

Chair Soisson stated the Planning Commission looks at what is best for the County as a whole. They are agreeable to clearing things up concerning land use definitions and explaining why certain parcels were changed and why and sending it back to the Board.

Commissioner Howard and the Planning Commission discussed where growth should occur and how much growth should occur, infrastructure and the Designated Growth Area.

Secretary Eisenberg reviewed the Remand Instructions with the Planning Commission and the tentative next steps.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TRAINING

Gail Kessler, County Attorney's office, presented information to the Commission members regarding Open Meeting Regulations and Ethics Training. Members of the Commission asked questions about how and when to close a meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

Secretary Eisenberg reviewed the changes made to the proposed Mission Statement. On motion of Mr. Yeo, seconded by Ms. Cheatwood and carried, the Commission voted to Approve the Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission, on motion of Mr. Yeo seconded by Mr. Hoff and carried, adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Secretary

Approved