

Council of the Town of La Plata
Design Review Board
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Joint Meeting with Design Review Board
June 5, 2006, 6:00 PM

Present: Town Council: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Design Review Board: Cheryl McGuire, Tim Hart, Bob Turgeon, Judy Hamilton, Joann Baierlein; Carol Rollins, Development Coordinator; B. Gayle Curry, Administrative Assistant

Minutes:

The meeting convened at 6:00 PM. Councilman Newman lead the discussion and explained that the Town Council is interested in discussing with the Design Review Board any concerns, including how their job is done and how it could be made better, and any Code changes that would be helpful.

The group discussed issues regarding the need for better informing the business community about sign regulations, formulating a method to identify when a new business is establishing itself in the Town so information may be provided to that business, support by the Town Council of the Design Review Board, and level of Code enforcement.

Consensus: It was agreed that it is important to continue providing information to businesses about regulations. The Town Council was in agreement that they wish the Design Review Board to get "Option C", as unique a design as they can get. Further, the Town Council expressed support of vigorous Code enforcement, which may include weekend working hours for the Code Enforcement staff person. The Town Council expressed support of the Design Review Board and praised them for doing a good job.

It was noted that it would be a good idea to conduct a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board when the Faison property begins development.

It was agreed that this joint meeting was useful and that meeting on a quarterly basis would be a good idea.

There being no voiced objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk