

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center  
3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf, Maryland  
Joint meeting with County Commissioners of Charles County and Town of Indian Head  
February 5, 2008, 4:00 PM

Present: Town of La Plata  
Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilmen James Goldsmith, Scot D. Lucas and Paretta D. Mudd;  
Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

Indian Head  
Mayor Dennis Scheessele, Vice Mayor Randy L. Albright; Ryan Hicks, Town Manager; Awilda Hernandez, Clerk of Council

Charles County  
Commissioner President Wayne Cooper, Commissioners Reuben B. Collins, II, Samuel N. Graves, Jr. and Gary V. Hodge; Paul W. Comfort, County Administrator; Roy Hancock, Assistant to the County Administrator; Roger L. Fink, County Attorney; Joyce Schmidt, Chief of Staff; Denise Ferguson, Clerk to the Commissioners; George Clarkson, Press Secretary; Department of Planning and Growth Management: Melvin C. Beall, Jr., Director; Jason Groth, Program Manager-Adequate Public Facilities Program; Cathy Hardy, Program Manager-Community Planning

Minutes:

The meeting convened at 4:22 PM, with opening remarks by Commissioner Cooper, Mayor Ambrogio and Mayor Scheessele.

#### Water Resources - House Bill 1141 – New Comprehensive Plan Elements

Ms. Hardy provided a PowerPoint present and overview of the new Comprehensive Plan elements required by HB1141 and their impact on planning. During discussion, it was noted that Town of La Plata and County staff have met regarding these new elements. It was agreed that staff from all three governments would meet regarding development of the new Comprehensive Plan elements.

#### Effluent Water (future uses for effluent water, tie in by Towns)

Commissioner Cooper noted that the County hoped to have a loop system in the future to recycle effluent water, with a goal of not having effluent water going into the rivers. Mr. Beall noted that the County was working with the Town of La Plata on supplying effluent to Mirant.

#### Water Resources -Water Sources (infrastructure, conservation, joint efforts for future)

During discussion, it was noted that alternate water sources needed to be identified and that it was hoped that the Tri-County Council would take the lead on the water sources issue as a regional effort. Mr. Mears reported that La Plata is considering policy changes regarding water use to help mitigate higher seasonal water use.

#### Military Base Encroachment - County's proposed legislation

Mr. Fink provided an overview of the County's proposed legislation to require that notice be given to buyers of residential property of that property's proximity to a military installation, and noted that action by the Commissioners on this legislation has been suspended pending further discussion and action by the military and board of realtors.

Transportation Study Update

Mr. Groth reported that La Plata's transportation study should be in final form this spring. Mr. Beall reported that Town staff has received a copy of the preliminary draft report and their comments will be provided to the consultant. Mr. Mears acknowledged that the Town has a rough draft and will be preparing comments.

Green Infrastructure - Commissioners to share information from Walldorf, Germany

Commissioners Cooper, Graves and Hodge provided information regarding green infrastructure, including use of solar power, school design, use of nuclear power, environmental planning, use of gray water, and use of pervious parking surfaces.

Projected Growth of Towns, Impact on School Enrollment, and Allocation of School Seats

Commissioner Hodge led a brief discussion regarding the impact of growth in the County and Towns on the school system, noting that La Plata has projections of significant growth, with a projected build-out population of 25,000. Commissioner Hodge noted that the excise tax collected by the County is not adequate to cover school construction costs due to inflation. Mayor Ambrogio acknowledged that the Town of La Plata has been sensitive to this issue and created a school seat allocation policy to manage the number of permits issued, to mitigate the impact of the Town's growth on the school system. Mr. Groth reported that the County is considering changing the allocation policy, noting they look at overall needs but don't coordinate with the towns, and that La Plata does not use the same generation rates as the County uses. Mr. Mears offered to provide information regarding the Town's anticipated school seat allocations.

[Dinner was served at 5:43 PM.]

There being no further discussion, the joint meeting concluded at 6:28 PM.

*The next meeting of the Town Council and County Commissioners is scheduled to be held at 4:00 PM, April 15, 2008, at the La Plata Town Hall.*

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk

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Daniel J. Mears  
Town Manager