

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Special Meeting
January 10, 2005, 3:30 PM

Present: Town of La Plata
Mayor William F. Eckman, Councilman Wayne Winkler, Councilman Gene Ambrogio, Councilman Roy G. Hale; Douglas R. Miller, Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Charles County
Commission President Wayne Cooper, Commissioners Wm. Daniel Mayer, Robert J. Fuller and Allan R. Smith; Eugene Lauer, County Administrator; Nina Voehl, Public Information Officer; Richard Winkler, Director of Fiscal Services; Roy Hancock, Director of Planning and Growth Management; David Umling, Director of Planning; Mary Grant, Planner; Steve Andritz, Planner

Minutes:

Mayor Eckman called the special meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The stated purpose of the meeting was to discuss school seat allocation policy. Prior to beginning that discussion, Mayor Eckman led a brief discussion regarding the issue of Stagecoach Crossing development's impact on the Locust Grove community. Mayor Eckman pointed out that this development will not come close to Locust Grove, and noted that the developer is proposing Traditional Neighborhood Development, which will probably provide for green space along Stagecoach Road. He further noted that the primary access will be from Catalpa Drive with another off Stagecoach Road, and that the annexation agreement provides that a traffic signal must be provided at Stagecoach Road and Route 301 if one is needed. Commission President Cooper and Commissioner Mayer expressed concern regarding the Stagecoach Crossing development's impact on Stagecoach Road, questioned ownership of the road, and asked who would improve the road. Mayor Eckman and Mr. Miller noted that the Town has just received a preliminary plan from the developer, but that nothing has been processed as yet. Commission President Cooper noted that the County would appreciate the opportunity to comment due to the impact on Stagecoach Road.

School Seat Allocation Policy

Mayor Eckman lead the discussion regarding the Town's proposed school seat allocation policy, citing the Town's need to have 100 school seats per year in order to generate a certain number of connections in order to pay for the Town's \$10 million wastewater treatment plant. During the discussion which followed, it was agreed that the Town Council and County Commissioners would explore alternative methods to provide for construction of schools by developers. It was also agreed that Town and County staff should meet with Board of Education staff.

Prior to the conclusion of the special meeting, a brief discussion was held regarding an overpass/rail crossing at Rosewick Road.

There being no further business, the special meeting concluded at 4:42 PM.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk