

La Plata Planning Commission
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Special Meeting
July 15, 2009, 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Rich Gilpin, Keith A. Hettel, Garyton C. Echols, Jr., C. Keith Back, Debra W. Posey – Commission members; Cathy Flerlage, Director of Planning and Zoning; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk [incoming]; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk [outgoing] (Due to the absence of Mr. Rose, Ms. Posey had full voting rights.)

Town Staff: Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Minutes:

Chairman Gilpin called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and asked Ms. Frazier to lead the Commission and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Incoming Town Clerk

Ms. Frazier introduced Ms. Mandley, the incoming Town Clerk, to the Commission members.

Approval of July 7 minutes

Chairman Gilpin lead a discussion regarding including in the record of the July 7 hearing a letter from residents of the “Pender Drive Community”, dated June 5, 2008, in which the residents expressed opposition to rezoning of the Christian Family Baptist Church of Waldorf property from R-10 to R-3.

Following discussion, Mr. Echols moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting with corrections to two typographical errors which listed the current zoning classification of the Christian Baptist Family Church of Waldorf property as R-21 rather than R-10, and to include a reference in the record of the hearing the receipt of the letter from residents of the “Pender Drive Community” dated June 5, 2008. Vote on the motion: Chairman Gilpin, Mr. Hettel and Mr. Echols voted aye; Ms. Posey voted nay; Mr. Back abstained from the vote. Motion passed by majority vote. [*Clerk’s note – Pursuant to this motion, the following sentence was included in the minutes of the July 7 meeting: “Prior to the hearing being closed, copies of a letter from residents of the “Pender Drive Community”, dated June 5, 2008, were distributed to members of the Planning Commission, in which the residents expressed opposition to rezoning the Christian Family Baptist Church of Waldorf property.”*]

Discuss/review revisions to Proposed Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Gilpin thanked Ms. Flerlage and staff for an excellent job on the PowerPoint presentation at the July 7 regular meeting.

Following discussion, Ms. Posey moved to recommend the 2009 Comprehensive Plan to the Town Council for adoption with a request that the Town Council review Thomas Mudd's testimony in the minutes from the July 7 public hearing. Mr. Echols seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Chairman Gilpin, Mr. Hettel, Mr. Echols and Ms. Posey voted aye; Mr. Back abstained from the vote. Motion passed by majority vote.

Following discussion, Ms. Posey moved to recommend the 2009 Comprehensive Rezoning Map to the Town Council for adoption, with the removal of the Christian Family Baptist Church of Waldorf property and the Viering, et al property from the List of Properties Proposed to be Comprehensively Rezoned. Mr. Hettel seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Chairman Gilpin, Mr. Hettel, Mr. Echols and Ms. Posey voted aye; Mr. Back abstained from the vote. Motion passed by majority vote.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Posey moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Mr. Back seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk