

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Planning Commission
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Joint Work Session with the Council of the Town of La Plata
February 2, 2010, 7:00 PM

Council of the Town of La Plata

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back,
Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris

La Plata Planning Commission

Present: Chairman Rich Gilpin, Keith A. Hettel, Debra W. Posey – Commission members

Town Staff: Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal
Development; Cathy Flerlage, Director of Planning and Zoning; Frederick C.
Sussman, Town Attorney; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Minutes:

Chairman Gilpin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Commission and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January 5, 2010 minutes

Ms. Posey moved to approve the minutes of the January 5 meeting. Mr. Hettel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Matters of Planning Commission Discussion

- Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID) Overlay Zone

Ms. Flerlage discussed in depth the Proposed Planned Redevelopment and Infill District Overlay Zone Ordinance, and a staff proposed change to F(b), changing net acreage to gross acreage.

Mr. Sussman provided an overview of the Legislation and the changes made during the legal review process.

Mr. Hettel moved to recommend the Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID) Overlay Zone to the Council of the Town of La Plata for introduction, with changes by deleting “but may not exceed fifteen (15) dwelling units per acre” on line 131, by adding, “may exceed the density allowed in the underlying zoning classification” in F(a) and deleting F(b). Ms. Posey seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

- Sign Regulations

Ms. Flerlage followed by Mr. Sussman, briefly discussed the legal review of the Proposed Sign Regulations and the minor changes made upon said review.

Ms. Posey moved to recommend the Sign Regulations to the Council of the Town of La Plata for introduction. Mr. Hettel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

- Planned Business Park and Enterprise District – review of Public Comment.
[A staff report dated February 2, 2010, was included in the meeting packets.]

Ms. Flerlage summarized the staff report included in the meeting packets, expressly stating questions and concerns regarding the public comments received.

Mr. Sussman briefly discussed the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District and the legal perspective of the Public Comments.

Planning Commission and Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council and Planning Commission agreed to the following Amendments to the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District.

Amendment No. 1

On page 3, line 109, of the proposed Ordinance, immediately following “options” insert “, promote connectivity with adjacent projects, communities or adjoining where appropriate”.

Amendment No. 2

On page 4, immediately below line 121, of the proposed Ordinance, insert the following new paragraph:

“(i) Incorporation of green site and building design to the extent practicable.”

Amendment No. 3

On page 4, line 125, of the proposed Ordinance, strike “(i)” and substitute “(j)”.

Other Business [none]

There being no further discussion, Chairman Gilpin moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk