

La Plata Planning Commission
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2011, 7:00 PM

Present: Chairperson Debra W. Posey; Garyton C. Echols, Jr., C. Keith Back, Mary Grant – Commission members; David M. Jenkins, Director of Planning and Community Development; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk (Due to the absence of Vice Chair Gilpin, and Mr. Hettel, Ms. Grant had full voting rights.)

Town Staff: Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Theresa Dent, Senior Planner

Minutes:

Chairperson Posey called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and asked Councilman Back to lead the Commission and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of September 6, 2011 minutes

Councilman Back moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting. Mr. Echols seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

► Matters of Discussion and Review

- 2009 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Report

Mr. Jenkins summarized the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Report elements and outlined what the report contained, stating that the zoning ordinance should complement the Comprehensive Plan.

Commission Consensus: Following discussion the Commission agreed that in future reports input from each department responsible for specific implementation of each element of the Comprehensive Plan would help to quantify the information provided and offer a more detailed view of the status of each element.

► Other Business

- Education and Training – Updating the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Jenkins reviewed electronic versions of informational printouts based on the American Planning Association CD Updating the Zoning Ordinance. The discussion included (1) diagnosis (2) identifying solutions (3) format.

Commission Consensus: Following discussion the Commission agreed to schedule discussion to outline the process, request staff suggested revisions, establish a format, and to remove policy from code during the review and revisions.

- Council Updates – Councilman Back

Councilman Back reviewed legislation that the Council has passed, which included the Johel LTD Annexation, the new ethics ordinance, and the change to the sanitation section of the Town Code, as it relates to trash containers.

- Planning and Community Development Project Updates – David M. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins discussed the extension of the Plan Maryland comment period, the review of construction projects, and Design Review Board applications.

► Future Agenda Items

- Zoning Code Revisions

There being no further discussion, Mr. Echols moved to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Ms. Grant seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk