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Minutes (approved)
Legislative Work Session
July 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 pm in the Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, Greg Fox and Courtney Watson.

Discussion: The members discussed the following items related to the following bill:

Council Bill No. 29-2009 (ZRA-102) – Introduced by The Chair at the request of the Wilde Lake Business Trust - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow the owner of any portion of a Village Center in the New Town zoning district to petition to amend certain approved development plans for the owner's property; establishing public notice, information, and justification requirements for such petitions; establishing standards to be used by the Zoning Board in evaluating and considering such petitions; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district

The following draft amendments were distributed: A (technical/stylistic), B (community response statements), C (petition section), D (definition for Village Center Amenity Areas), E (Village Center Community Plan) and F (Design Advisory Panel). Also distributed: Remaining Issues Chart, Memorandum dated July 6, 2009 from Marsha McLaughlin (potential amendment for redevelopment limits and requirements) and Kimco Chart, Columbia Village Association Properties. There was a discussion with Ms. McLaughlin and Paul Johnson. Topics included the Village Center concept and definition, some of the draft amendments, potential criteria that would recognize the unique aspects of the Village Centers, housing affordability, evaluation and sunset, existing and proposed procedures for major and minor redevelopments, and the determination of Village Center boundaries. There was a further discussion of the remaining issues, including: notice of presubmission community meetings, boundaries, parking, the NT zoning Chart, and covenants. There was mention of the presubmission community meeting notice requirements under CB 39-2009. The members requested additional information from Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Johnson, Council staff, the petitioner and the petitioner's counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.