

Observer Team: Planning and Zoning Commission

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Meeting notes by the Planning Commission Observer Team:

On February 4, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a work session on the Transportation Plan. The BOCC directed that minor edits be made to the plan and to add the technical memos to the appendix. The BOCC directed staff to proceed to public hearing. Next Steps: The BOCC scheduled a public hearing on the February 2020 draft Transportation Plan on February 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting.

At the January 15, 2020, Meeting the Planning Commission voted to accept the edits proposed by staff, to close the record, and to delay action on the plan to determine whether it is consistent with the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission directed that the draft be updated to include the edits and to make the update available on the county's website.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding Calvert County Transportation Plan was set for December 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Harriet E. Brown Community Center.

The Schedule for Town Center Master Plans Updates - * Prince Frederick January 2020, Dunkirk July 2020, Lusby January 2021, Solomon July 2021, Owings January 2022, Huntingtown July 2022, St. Leonard January 2023 * Also the Town Center zoning regulations will need to be updated.

Other updates will be as follows:

Calvert County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan 2021 for adoption in 2022 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan 5-year review 2024

County Transportation Plan 5-year review 2024

Town Center Master Plan reviews 2025-2028

Zoning Regulations 5-year review

Initiate the County Comprehensive Plan Update 2027 for adoption in 2029

Town Center Master Plan Updates 2030-2035

A Special Meeting and Work Session were held September 26, 2019. The staff was directed to distribute the Draft Transportation Plan for a 60-day review, and leave it open for public comment during that time.

The September Meeting was live streamed. Ms. Waddell summarized the Updating of the Zoning Ordinance which includes the Transportation Plan Update and Updating seven town

centers, starting with Prince Frederick town center. Updating the Town Center would be in three stages 1) Issue Identification 2) Develop and Update Plan 3) Adoption Process. The process will take 12-15 months for each town center in the master plan. During this process each town center will be updating the town center zoning regulations, which is a separate process.

Ms. Waddell informed the Commissioners that the staff goal is to address the concerns that were voiced from the Comprehensive Plan. The staff goal is to engage the community for their concerns and feedback. Types of meetings, dates and times are being considered. Plans are to have a Liaison Committee with people from residences and organizations on the committee. The plan is to engage the community with information through social media, such as face book.

On August 6, 2019 the Commissioners voted to adopt the July 23, 2019 draft of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan with amendments. The plan replaces the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2004 and amended in 2010. The Comprehensive Plan document serves as a guide for a vision of the county's future. The plan will be implemented through local laws and public investments over the next 25 years. The Calvert County Comprehensive Plan (August, 2019) (PDF) and an overview presentation can be found online under the Planning & Zoning. Items of interest at this meeting were a Public Hearing regarding Calvert County Comprehensive Plan; Transportation Plan Update, and Major Subdivision Proposed List.

The July 2019 meeting for the Calvert County Planning and Zoning Commission outlined the direction of the County for the upcoming meetings.