

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission
Joint Meeting with the
Board of County Commissioners
November 2, 2016

Location: Carroll County Office Building

Members Present: Matthew S. Helminiak, Chair
Richard J. Soisson, Vice Chair
Eugene A. Canale
Alec Yeo
Cynthia L. Cheatwood
Jeffrey A. Wothers
Daniel Hoff, Alternate
C. Richard Weaver, Ex-Officio
Commissioner Wantz
Commissioner Howard
Commissioner Rothschild
Commissioner Frazier
Roberta J. Windham, County Administrator

Present with the Commission were the following persons: Philip R. Hager, Lynda Eisenberg and Mary Lane, Department of Planning; Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Helminiak called the meeting to order at approximately 6:06 P.M.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Secretary Hager took the attendance of the Commission, noting that seven members were present, and a quorum was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING REMARKS

Secretary Hager reminded everyone to silence their devices. He indicated there were no changes to the Agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Commission, on motion of Mr. Yeo, seconded by Mr. Wothers, and carried, approved the agenda as distributed.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Commission Chair
Chair Helminiak greeted the Board of Commissioners and thanked them for their attendance.
- B. Ex-Officio Member

Commissioner Weaver stated he appreciated both boards coming together and having a discussion.

C. Other Commission Members

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Administrative Matters

Secretary Hager welcomed Robert J. Windham, County Administrator. Secretary Hager asked the Commissioners if they had any opening remarks.

Commissioner Rothschild addressed everyone and stated he thought the Commission and staff were working very hard and diligently on the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan but he noted that staff is in a particularly tough situation having to be pulled in different directions by the Commissioner, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the public. Commissioner Rothschild expressed his views on property rights, property owner rights and government's role in land use designation decisions.

Commissioner Howard addressed public concerns, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Planning and the Commissioners' role regarding the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Howard

Commissioner Weaver commended the Planning Commission on their work regarding the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Weaver stated his concerns for funding the implementation of the Plan.

Commissioner Wantz acknowledged the efforts of the Planning Commission to include many opportunities for public input. Commissioner Wantz stated he didn't think the formation of another committee or group was efficient. Commissioner Wantz stated the Freedom District is the vital to the future of Carroll County.

Commissioner Frazier stated he thought the Commission was doing a great job getting information out to the public. Commissioner Frazier stated the public needs to be pro-active in finding out where the information is.

Mr. Hoff stated public input is important but decisions still need to be made for the community as a whole.

Secretary Hager announced that staff will make a presentation that addresses these concerns.

Lynda Eisenberg presented the outline for the presentation. Ms. Eisenberg reviewed the contents of the binder that was given to the Board of Commissioners and the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Eisenberg reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Process with the Board of Commissioners and the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Eisenberg emphasized the amount of community outreach that has been included in this process.

Ms. Eisenberg reviewed the process of forming a Citizens Advisory Committee and also demonstrated how public comments have been addressed.

The Commissioners and the Planning Commission discussed land use and density concerns, infrastructure, and water and sewer issue regarding the Plan.

Commissioner Howard stressed that decisions should be made after everyone has a chance to weigh in. He stated the Commissioners, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the public should all work together to make the best decisions for the area.

Commissioner Frazier stated he is impressed with the amount of public outreach that has been incorporated into this process.

Mr. Soisson

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no further business, the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wothers seconded by Ms. Cheatwood, and carried, adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Secretary

Approved