

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission
Pathways to Carroll's Future Landscape
Work Session

October 19, 2009

Location: County Office Building, Room 003

Members Present: David L. Brauning, Chairman
Dennis Wertz, Vice Chair
Melvin E. Baile, Jr.
Wayne Schuster
Charles M. Chadwick
Alec Yeo
Robert B. Slade, Alternate

Members Absent: Julia Walsh Gouge, Ex-Officio

Mr. Brauning opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Brenda Dinne, Bureau of Comprehensive Planning, distributed a new version of the action items to make it easier to reference the bullets for discussion purposes. No changes to the text were proposed in the new version.

Networking Transportation Stepping Stones:

- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #1, to create “complete streets” which incorporate the appropriate multi-purpose and multi-user nature of the street or roadway corridor and use context-sensitive design practices that recognize these streets as important to community identity, and all the action items.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #2, to create walkability within designated growth areas by connecting neighborhoods and other destinations to reduce the dependence on automobiles and decrease traffic congestion, and action items A, B, and C, and add an action item J to develop an ongoing CIP project/fund for sidewalks and trails.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep action items D – I under stepping stone #2.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #3, to develop a safe, attractive, efficient, and accessible system of bicycle facilities, including separated multi-use trails, bicycle lanes, and bicycle routes, as alternative transportation routes, and action items A, B, and C.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep action items D and E under stepping stone #3.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #4, to create a safe environment for students to walk and bike to school, and action items A – G.
- It was the consensus on the Commission to keep stepping stone #5, to provide multi-modal transportation infrastructure that supports and attracts businesses, targeted industry, and planned employment areas, and action items A – C as written; rewording D to read: “identify opportunities for passenger and/or freight rail coordination with other jurisdictions”; rewording E to read: “improve vehicular access to and parking at Carroll County Regional Airport”; and adding F to read:

- “coordinate with Maryland Department of Transportation on Carroll’s participation in the statewide freight plan.”
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #6, to expand the County’s existing transit service to provide transportation alternatives that reduce traffic congestion and ensure adequate access for all community members, including transit-dependent groups, and action items A – F, rewording A to read: “expand the fixed-route transit system contracted for by the County or others.”
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #7, to identify new road segments, as well as improvements to existing roads, that could reduce traffic congestion and enhance the performance, safety, efficiency, and reliability of the county’s transportation facilities, and action items A – E, adding the words “and construct” after the word “for” in action item B.
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #8, rewording it to read: “Identify and implement roadway congestion management strategies that minimize CTP expenditures”; and action items A – D and F, deleting E.
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #9, to provide travel options that connect within the same mode of transportation as well as between different modes of transportation to give choices for reaching destinations, and action items A, B, and C.
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #10, to provide access controls where they would be beneficial to the safe and efficient flow of traffic, and action items A – H, deleting the beginning of action item F to start with the word “encourage”.
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #11, outside designated growth areas, focus on non-roadway projects that link rural communities to each other and to designated growth areas, and action items A – C, rewording C to read: “Place higher priority on roadway projects that are located inside the designated growth areas.”
 - It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #12, to identify strategies for prioritizing and funding facilities within the transportation network, deleting action items A and B and replacing with the following: “explore existing and potential alternative funding sources and mechanisms for funding of transportation projects, including, but not limited to TIF, excise, public/private partnership, etc. The Commission also deleted action items F and G.

PPA Stepping Stones:

- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #1, to decrease allowable densities in the Agricultural Land PPA to ensure that the intent of this element and the preservation goals can be met, and to modify action item A after the last “;” to read: “provide an incentive bonus lot or lots in exchange for a permanent preservation easement on remaining portions.”
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #2, rewording it to read: “explore allowable densities in the Natural Resource PPA to ensure that the intent of this element and the preservation goals can be met”, and to delete the words “from one lot per three acres to one lot per twenty acres” from action item A.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #3, to identify additional measures beyond zoning and subdivision regulations that could accelerate the achievement of the acreage preservation goals, and action item A.

- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #4, to identify additional measures to achieve the vision within the PPAs of sustainable agricultural operations and protection of natural resources, especially water quality and quantity, and action items A – C.
- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stone #5, to develop a Water Resources Element to the plan to meet the requirements of HB 1141 (2006) to identify drinking water and other water resources needed for existing and future growth, as well as identify suitable receiving waters and land areas for stormwater management and wastewater treatment of existing and future growth, and action items A – D.

Scenic Roads Stepping Stones:

- It was the consensus of the Commission to keep stepping stones #1 - #7, adding #8 to read: “Explore creation of guidelines or restrictions for new development along scenic roads.”

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.

Secretary

Approved