

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

October 20, 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 approximately 1:40 p.m. He noted that the Commission has spent a lot of time over the last several months discussing the Pathways Plan. Mr. Brauning indicated that in view of the uncertain state of the economy and the County's fiscal limitations, the Commission should consider changing its perspective on the proposals it has been discussing. Mr. Brauning indicated it was his opinion that the timing for the Pathways Plan is very problematic because of the length of time it has been taking the Commission to review this plan and the additional time needed to complete the review along with the upcoming election. He noted that the Commission knows from experience that an election can really change plans. Mr. Brauning indicated that he had mentioned previously the poor likelihood of success for the Pathways Plan. The Commission is charged with the responsibility to adopt a plan and Water Resources Element (WRE) as dictated by State law. Mr. Brauning stated it was his recommendation that the Commission take a step back and perhaps offer direction to staff to review and revise the existing 2000 Master Plan and present that document along with the WRE for 60-day review by the end of November. Mr. Brauning suggested that the extensive efforts of staff and the Commission with regard to Pathways be set aside as many of those recommendations could be used as a stepping stone for future consideration.

The Commission, on motion of Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Yeo, and unanimously carried, directed staff to review, update, and revise the 2000 County Master Plan and present that document with the WRE for 60-day review consideration by the end of November.

Mr. Brauning noted that the future work sessions that had been scheduled for the Pathways Plan are cancelled.

Mr. Horn indicated he would meet with staff this afternoon regarding the 2000 Plan. Copies will be made available and the document will be placed on the website. He noted that staff would move forward as expeditiously as possible to meet the timeframe. Mr. Horn recognized staff for the efforts they had put forth with regard to the Pathways Plan, noting his appreciation for their hard work and perseverance.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Secretary

Approved