

# **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes (approved 11/05/07)

Meeting with Chinese Delegation, Shandong Province

October 15, 2007

The chair convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. on October 15, 2007 in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Jen Terrasa, and Mary Kay Sigaty. Courtney Watson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Guests present: Wang Xiao, Division Chief, Shandong Provincial Economic and Trade Commission; Cui Yan, Vice Magistrate, Chiping County, Shandong Province; Li Yao Hua, Vice Director, Weihai Torch Hi-tech Industries Development Zone; Shen Dianjun, Deputy Chief Executive, Zibo City; Li Zichao, Deputy Magistrate, Hulmin County, Shandong Province, China; Kenneth Hunter, Sr. Fellow, University of Maryland Office of International Programs, Institute for Global Chinese Affairs. (also present: translator; one additional Chinese guest using the American name "Jennifer.")

Members and guests exchanged business cards and introduced themselves to one another.

Chairperson Ball presented an overview of the organization of local government in Maryland, the roles of branches of government and levels of government, and the role and responsibilities of the Council.

There followed a discussion of the election process, the details related to the Council members' work, the legislative process, and other matters of interest to the visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.