Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: ***Planning Board Recommendation for Preliminary Draft PlanHoward 2030***

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Planning Board

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Process

On April 18, 2012, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, held a public hearing to consider the preliminary draft of *PlanHoward 2030*, submitted by the Department of Planning and Zoning. The preliminary draft, the technical staff report (dated March 23, 2012), and public input received via email, comment cards, and *uComment* were provided for the Planning Board. In anticipation of the public hearing the Planning Board hosted three open houses held at the Miller Branch Library, the North Laurel Community Center, and the Gary J. Arthur Community Center in Glenwood. The comments cards are from these three events.

Pursuant to Section 16.900 (i) of the Howard County Code, a 30-day notice of the time and place of the hearing was published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. A copy of the advertisement is on file with the Department of Planning and Zoning. A 30-day notice was also provided to neighboring jurisdictions per the 1994 interjurisdictional memorandum of understanding.

Prior to the Chair opening the public hearing for citizen comment, staff presented an overview of the plan and answered the Board's questions. Twenty-seven members of the public presented written and/or oral comments on the preliminary draft of the plan. The sign-in sheet and a copy of all written input are on file with the Department of Planning and Zoning. Additionally, video of the public input at the meeting may be viewed online at www.planhoward.org.

Recommendations

During its work sessions, the Planning Board reviewed key PlanHoward 2030 maps showing three proposed amendments to the County's Priority Funding Area (also the boundary for the Planned Service Area for Public Water and Sewer), as well as the new designated "Place Types" and "Growth Tiers" required by Maryland's Smart Growth program. The Board understands the intent and supports these designations, although it didn't review the detailed boundaries for the place designations on a parcel by parcel basis.

Based on discussion and voting at work sessions on April 19, 2012 and May 3, 2012, the Planning Board makes the following specific recommendations:

1. Dave Grabowski made a motion to amend Policy 2.1, action b, by requiring that the first monitoring report be due two years after plan adoption and that the second report be due five years after the first report. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. .

2. Dave Grabowski made a motion to support Policy 3.1. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Dave Grabowski made a motion to amend Policy 3.2, action c, by striking "Investigate options to." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. Jacqueline Easley made a motion to add a watersheds map to chapter 3. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.3, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.4, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

7. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.5, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

8. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.6, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

9. Jacqueline Easley made a motion to amend the priority for Policy 3.7, action c to short, mid, and long in order for it to be on-going. Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

10. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept the rest of Policy 3.7, as written. Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

11. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.8, and amend action a by adding "rate and volume" after "stowmwater runoff." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

12. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 3.9, and amend action b by eliminating action b in its entirety. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

13. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.1, and amend action a by deleting "As funding allows." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

14. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.2, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

15. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.3, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

16. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.4, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

17. Josh Tzuker made a motion to accept Policy 4.5, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

18. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.6, as written, with improvements to the map for better legibility. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

19. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.7, and amend action c by substituting "expand" for "implement." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

20. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.8, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

21. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.9, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

22. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.10, and amend action g by deleting "Evaluate the benefits of and, if appropriate." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

23. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.11, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

24. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 4.12, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

25. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.1, and amend action a by deleting "Utilize the implementation actions above with a." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

26. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.2, and amend action d by substituting "Engage" for "Work." Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

27. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.3, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

28. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.4, and amend the Policy statement to read "Enhance the Route 1 Corridor Revitalization Strategy to recognize the distinct character and market potential of corridor segments, recognizing this potential at various intersections, crossings, and thoroughfares for additional entertainment, dining, retail, restaurant, and employment venues at nodal points, as identified in the Route 1 Market Analysis (2011)," and amend the catchphrase of action d by substituting "Refocus" for "Revisit." Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

29. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.5, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

30. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.6, and amend the priority for action a to short. Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

31. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.7, and amend the Policy statement by substituting "to regional connections to Baltimore, Washington," for "as well as MARC passenger rail." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

32. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.8, and add Dorsey Search as a red star to the Place Type Map, and amend action b by substituting "Undertake market assessment to assist in repositioning" for "Reposition." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

33. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 5.9, and combine actions d and e. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

34. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 6.1, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

35. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 6.2, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

36. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 6.3, as written. Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

37. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 6.4, as written. Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

38. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 6.5, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

39. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.1, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

40. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.2, and amend the Policy statement by adding "improvements and new" prior to "transportation facilities." Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

41. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.3, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

42. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.4, and amend action c by adding Montgomery County and Baltimore County, and amend the priority for action e to short, mid, and long. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

43. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.5, and amend the priority for action d to short, mid, and long. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

44. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.6, and amend it by adding a new action c to read "**Evaluate alternative mobility options**. Evaluate the options to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities." Josh Tzuker seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

45. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 7.7, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

46. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.1, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

47. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.2, as written. Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

48. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.3, and amend action b by deleting "of an aging and more diverse population." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

49. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.4, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

50. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.5, and amend the priority for action d to short, mid, and long. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

51. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.6, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

52. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.7, and amend the priority for action a to short, and amend action d by substituting "adopt" for "consider adopting." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

53. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.8, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

54. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.9, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

55. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.10, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

56. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.11, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

57. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.12, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

58. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.13, and amend action b by eliminating action b in its entirety, noting that the Board has heard public input on this subject, and it should be noted in the text, but is not appropriate to be singled out among the broad range of health and human services. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

59. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.14, and amend action c by deleting "within the Planned Service Area." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
60. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.15, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

61. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.16, and amend action d by eliminating action d in its entirety. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

62. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 8.17, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

63. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.1, and amend the policy statement by deleting "and" before resource and by substituting "to promote support" for "while highlighting the merits and benefits" after "pollution." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

64. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.2, and to create a new action d to read: "**Provide increased rental housing choice for all income levels and ages.** Collaborate with national and regional developers to create additional rental housing capacity that appeals to the developing market for diverse multi-family housing needs and allows for the dynamic movement of new residents into and out of Howard County." Additionally, add language to further refine both income and demographics in Figure 9-3 in the text, and amend action b by adding "tax or other" after "financial." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

65. Dave Grabowski made a motion to include the following under Policy 9.2, action a, "work with private developers to provide more multi-family non-age restricted rental opportunities throughout Howard County and especially within areas designated for increased density and revitalization." Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

66. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.3, and amend the policy statement by rewording the policy to address expanding the innovative services and programs to optimize existing housing's role in full spectrum opportunities. Additionally, amend action a by adding "and the general public" after "home-seekers." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

67. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.4, and amend action b by deleting action b in its entirety, and amend the policy statement, action c (new b), and action d (new c) by addressing seniors and residents with special needs similar to action a, and amend by creating a new action d to address creating a metric to evaluate the needs of the residents with disabilities. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

68. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.5, and amend the policy statement by substituting "prevent" for "end," and amend action c by adding "including those may be losing their homes" and "families." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

69. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 9.6, and amend action a by adding "property" before "tax." Paul Yelder seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

70. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 10.1, and amend the policy statement by deleting "limited." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
71. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 10.2, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

72. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 10.3, and amend action a by adding "arts and cultural opportunities and other" after "options, and" and amend the text to include text on the arts, and amend the priority by adding short. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

73. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 10.4, as written, and to include place names on the new policy map in Chapter 6. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

74. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 10.5, and amend action a by adding "as well as rural crossroads." Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

75. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 11.1, and amend action a in order to coordinate with changes adopted for Policy 2.1, and amend action b to include general-plan-related, State-required indicators. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

76. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 11.2, and create a new action c to seek other funds and opportunities. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

77. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 12.1, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

78. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 12.2, as written. Bill Santos seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

79. Dave Grabowski made a motion to accept Policy 12.3, as written. Jacqueline Easley seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.