BR/BRX Workshop
Glenwood Community

Gary Arthur Community Center
April 12, 2016
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Agenda

7:00 pm    Welcome and Introductions
7:05 pm    Staff Presentation
7:15 pm    Listening Session
8:00 pm    Small Group Report-Out
8:25 pm    Next Steps
8:30 pm    Adjourn
Housekeeping

Effective ground rules:

- everyone is encouraged to participate,
- no one or two individuals should dominate discussion,
- let others have an opportunity to speak,
- one person speaks at a time,
- refrain from side conversations so everyone can pay attention to the person speaking, and
- listen to and respect other points of view.
Council Bill 55-2015

Temporary BRX/BR Interim Development Act (approved on 2/1/2016) temporarily prohibits applications for proposed rezonings to the BRX and BR zoning districts.

Three main purposes of this Act include:

- provide the DPZ with time to study the deficiencies in the BRX and BR districts;
- provide DPZ time to investigate alternatives and make recommendations for improvement; and
- give the County Council time to act on the recommendations.
Community Expectations

This workshop will:

- bring stakeholders together and foster discussion on identifying challenges in the BR/BRX zoning districts
- identify changes or adjustments to the zoning districts within each community
- encourage cooperation among stakeholders
- provide information to guide the zoning recommendations to be provided to County Council
Community Expectations

This workshop focus on zoning and will not….

- address roadway changes
- fund capital improvements
- address code enforcement, neighbor disputes, etc.
- provide longer-term planning strategies for these crossroads communities (i.e., small area planning efforts).
Table with work together to:

- gather advice of all modifications to the BRX and BR to respond to Council’s request
- act as a sounding board for ideas and recommendations to the zoning districts
- provide information to guide the recommendations to County Council, who is the final decision-making body
Outreach Process

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- **Public Engagement**
Why is planning and zoning important?

- prevents haphazard development
- maintains efficient public services
- protects property values
- preserves natural resources
- prevents nuisances
- avoids incompatible uses
- enhances community character
Zoning in Howard County

- the Howard County Charter and Code empower the County Council to adopt maps

- these maps divide the County into various zoning districts

- each district has certain regulations that govern the development and use of land
Glenwood Zoning
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B-2 (Business: General) District: provides for commercial sales and services that directly serve the general public
Glenwood Zoning

B-1 (Business: Local) District: provides areas of local business that can directly serve the general public with retail sales and services
Glenwood Zoning

POR (Planned Office Research) District: permits and encourages diverse institutional, commercial, office research and cultural facilities
Glenwood Zoning

RR-DEO (Rural Residential) District (Density Exchange Option) Overlay District: established to allow low density residential development within a rural environment.

The DEO District provides land owners in the RC and RR Districts with opportunity and incentive to preserve significant blocks of farmland.
Glenwood Zoning

RC-DEO (Rural Conservation) District (Density Exchange Option) Overlay District: established to conserve farmland and to encourage agricultural activities
BR and BRX Zoning

- most recent Zoning Regulations were adopted in 2013

- BR and BRX and other districts were approved at that time to guide the proper growth and development of the County in accordance with the goals and policies of the General Plan.

- both BR and BRX are floating zones that have to meet certain criteria, have a public process, and require zoning map amendment.
BR and BRX Zoning

A floating zone is a zoning district that delineates conditions which must be met before that zoning district can be approved for an existing piece of land. Rather than being placed on the zoning map as traditional zones are, however, the floating zone is simply written as an amendment in the zoning ordinance. Thus, the zone "floats" until a development application is approved, when the zone is then added to the official zoning map. Floating zones can be used to plan for future land uses that are anticipated or desired in the community.

American Planning Association
BR District (Business: Rural)

Purpose:

- allow businesses that support the agricultural industry
- serve needs of the rural residential and farming communities
- provide business and industrial uses not usually permitted in the rural areas of the County
BR (Business: Rural) District

Criteria:

- located within the no planned service area of the Howard County Water and Sewerage Master Plan;
- have safe road access and at least 60 feet of frontage on a collector or arterial highway or a local road; and
- compatible with existing land uses in the vicinity of the site.
BRX District (Business Rural Crossroads)

Purpose:

- provides opportunities for the expansion of commercial businesses located within four specific rural crossroad areas:
  - Highland
  - Glenwood
  - Dayton
  - Lisbon
BRX District (Business Rural Crossroads)

Three Criteria:

1. Glenwood Rural crossroads include any property a portion of which is located within:
   - **930 ft of MD 97** to the north of the centerline of the intersection of MD 97 and Carrs Mill and McKendree Roads
   - **1,200 ft of MD 97** to the south of the centerline of the intersection of MD 97 and Carrs Mill and McKendree Roads
   - **325 ft of Carrs Mill Road** to the west of the centerline of the intersection of MD 97 and Carrs Mill and McKendree Roads
   - **300 ft of McKendree Road** to the east of the centerline of the intersection of MD 97 and Carrs Mill and McKendree Roads
BRX District (Business Rural Crossroads)

Criteria:

2. must entirely or partially adjoin an existing BR, BRX, B-1, B-2, or CCT District; and

3. be compatible with traditional rural architectural character of existing commercial land uses in the vicinity of the site.
Land Uses in Glenwood

- retail
- agriculture
- residential
- institutional/schools/library/fire station
What is the character of existing commercial land uses in the vicinity of Glenwood?
### Permitted Use

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Contact Information

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Presentations will be posted on the website after each workshop and online comments will be accepted until May 12, 2016.