APFO Committee Meeting #19 Meeting Notes

June 25, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. Start Time

Attendance:

Todd Arterburn, Chair - Present

Jon Browne - Present

Aaron Casagrande - Present

Pascal Crosley - Absent

Jeremy Dommu - Present

Xavian Esson - Absent

Paul Gleichauf - Present

Laura Jones, Vice Chair - Present

Brent Loveless - Present

Dan Lubeley - Present

Tim Rogers - Present

Jen Mallo - Present

Lisa Markovitz - Present

Vynessa Pantano - Absent

Phil Scherer - Present

Antoine RJ Wright - Present

Staff:

Lynda Eisenberg - Present Lisa Kenney- Present

Call to Order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved
- The minutes of the June 4th meeting, were approved as video and written minutes due to audio issues.

Summary

The meeting focused on renaming the UPP, discussing school capacity and enrollment projections, and addressing fees for new developments while emphasizing accurate data and community collaboration.

- Discussion focused on renaming the UPP to avoid confusion with Montgomery County's plan.
- Proposal for new name "School Over Capacity Utilization Payment" (SOUP) introduced but met with mixed reactions.
- Clarification needed on when SOUP payment percentage is determined and its relation to building permits.
- Emphasis on maintaining a future year test for school capacity and ensuring clarity in the allocation process.
- Developers benefit from early percentage adjustments, understanding potential school fees before project permits are pulled.
- Developers can halt projects at any stage without penalty, impacting fee payment obligations.
- Discussions emphasize the importance of accurate data for planning, particularly regarding student enrollment sources from new developments.
- Lisa Markovitz proposes adding three years of occupancy permit data to school capacity reports for better enrollment projections.
- Brent Loveless advocates for regular reviews of school surcharge fees based on accurate household impact assessments.
- Discussed the need for a cumulative data approach over three years instead of just one year for student yield from new construction.
- Proposed labeling the new data point as "three-year occupancy permit enrollment figure" to clarify its purpose.
- Emphasized the importance of accurate representation of student numbers from new developments to avoid mischaracterization.
- Suggested establishing a review committee every three years after the general plan adoption for better infrastructure planning.
- Regular review of the general plan is essential to assess major upcoming changes.

- A proposed fire fee targets large projects impacting emergency response times.
- Focus on high-density, age-restricted developments due to their significant impact on fire services.
- Discussions highlight the need for collaboration with fire departments to establish fair fees.
- Concerns arise about cumulative fees affecting housing growth rates in the community.
- Committee discusses whether to pursue a Plan B option alongside the primary plan.
- Members emphasize the importance of allowing all voices and ideas to be heard during decision-making.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:31 p.m.