



HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

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Minutes of the Howard County Public Works Board – February 8, 2022

Members present: Mr. Pedro Ramirez, Chairperson, Ms. Abby Glassberg, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Alan Whitworth, and Mr. Cory Summerson.

Staff present: Thomas J. Meunier, Executive Secretary; John Seefried, Assistant to the Director, Public Works; Daniel Davis, Chief, Utility Design Division; Sanjay Kulkarni, Engineering Specialist II, Utility Design Division; John Alcorn, Engineering Specialist II, Construction Inspection Division; Kamran Sadeghi, Chief, Construction Inspection Division; Phyllis Watson, Administrative Analyst I, Real Estate Services Division; Nic Stewart, Recording Secretary, Real Estate Services Division.

Mr. Summerson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 p.m.

1. **Approval of minutes:** Mr. Summerson indicated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of December 14, 2021. Ms. Glassberg asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes.

Motion: On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Mr. Ramirez, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 14, 2021.

2. **Election of Officers:** At this time Mr. Summerson turned the meeting over to Mr. Meunier for the Election of Officers. Mr. Meunier took over temporarily as Chairperson to open the floor for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Board and thanked Mr. Summerson for his years of service as Chairperson to the Board.

Motion: On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Mr. Summerson, the Board unanimously nominated Mr. Ramirez as Chairperson of the Board. On a motion made by Mr. Summerson and seconded by Mr. Ramirez, the Board unanimously nominated Ms. Glassberg as Vice Chairperson of the Board.

At that time, Mr. Meunier also reminded the audience of the two vacancies on the Board and the Deadline for resumes was Friday, February 11, 2022.

3. **Public Works Board Road Acceptance**

- (a) **Subdivision:** Elkdale Glenn Property, Lots 1-8 and Open Space Lots 9 & 10, and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcel "A"
R/SW Agreement No. F-17-107 **W/S Agreement No.** 14-5001-D
Road Names: Phelps Lane
Petitioner: Harmony Builders Inc.

Staff Presentation: Ms. Watson, Administrative Analyst I, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Harmony Builders, Inc., a Maryland corporation, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Phelps Lane located within Elkdale Glenn Property, Lots 1-8 and Open Space Lots 9 & 10, and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcel "A". The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Summerson, and seconded by Ms. Glassberg, the Board recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Elkdale Glenn Property, Lots 1-8 and Open Space Lots 9 & 10, and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcel "A" into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

- (b) **Subdivision:** Enclave At River Hill, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 and 52 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B' formerly known as "Enclave at Tierney Farm, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 Thru 54 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B', and Forest Tree Bank"
R/SW Agreement No. F-15-110 W/S Agreement No. 34-4888-D
Road Names: Flutie Lane, Guilford Road (widening), and Vincents Way
Petitioner: Beazer Homes, LLC

Staff Presentation: Ms. Watson, Administrative Analyst I, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Beazer Homes, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Flutie Lane, Guilford Road (widening), and Vincents Way located within Enclave At River Hill, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 and 52 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B' formerly known as "Enclave at Tierney Farm, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 Thru 54 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B', and Forest Tree Bank". The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg, and seconded by Mr. Summerson, the Board recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Enclave At River Hill, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 and 52 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B' formerly known as "Enclave at Tierney Farm, Phase 1, Lots 1 Thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 Thru 54 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B', and Forest Tree Bank" into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

4. Scenic Road Projects

(a) **W8330, Old Columbia Pike Water Main Rehabilitation/Replacement (First Hearing)**

Staff Presentation: At this time, Mr. Sanjay Kulkarni, Project Manager, Utility Design Division, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering explained this was the first of two public hearings required under Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code for construction affecting scenic roads. When a capital project affects a scenic road, Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code requires preliminary and final design meetings to receive comments on the design from interested individuals. The capital project is W8330, the Old Columbia Pike Water Mains Rehabilitation/Replacement. The project is to rehabilitate/replace an aging, failure prone water main. In addition, the existing project mains are in close proximity to large diameter gas transmission mains, which are protected with impressed currents, and are located in areas known to have corrosive soils and stray current impacts; each of which are conditions likely to lead to metallic pipe deterioration and/or failure. The project will rehabilitate or replace approximately 6,585 LF of existing water main between Tollhouse Road and Roussey Lane. In addition, new connections to the laterals, new fire hydrants and new water House connections will be provided connecting to the new water main. Capital Project W8330 was brought before the Public Works Board and approved in December 2015. This project will occur along Old Columbia Pike, a portion of which between Brittany Drive and Main Street is listed in the inventory of Howard County Scenic Roads Inventory.

The water main installation will be within the right-of-way of the paved public roadway of Old Columbia Pike. A major portion of the Pipe will be installed parallel to the existing water main. The remaining portion will be installed by same trench method. After water main installation, the roadway will be restored to its original grade, width, and alignment, and repaved.

Since the proposed pipe is in the roadway paving for its entire length, there will be no impact on the scenic features of the road. The existing scenic view will remain the same post construction. There will no impact on the trees or vegetation due to water main construction.

Per the requirements of Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code, interested individuals and residents were notified of tonight's meeting by advertisement in local newspapers for two (2) consecutive weeks in advance of the meeting. Copies of the preliminary water and sewer plans were made available for inspection at the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, and they are available for review here tonight.

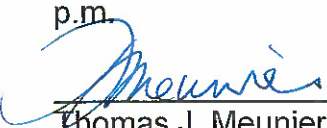
A copy of the advertisement is included in tonight's presentation package which the Board was presented with as well.

Board Comments: Ms. Glassberg asked if the road would be totally closed during the trenching and Mr. Kulkarni explained that one lane would always be open. Mr. Ramirez asked what size the water main would be and Mr. Kulkarni replied it would be 8 inch. Mr. Ramirez further asked if the old water main pipe would be abandoned in place and Mr. Kulkarni confirmed it would be. Mr. Ramirez asked if there was also a sewer line that ran through the road in which Mr. Kulkarni explained it was on the other side of the water main. Mr. Ramirez further asked what the estimated construction timeline was, and Mr. Kulkarni explained including weather impact it was estimated at about eighteen months. Mr. Whitworth asked if the road would be paved full width. Mr. Kulkarni explained the road would not be paved full width under his project, but he believed the Bureau of Highways would potentially be

paving Old Columbia Pike once his project was finished. Mr. Ramirez asked if half the road would be paved and Mr. Kulkarni explained that the standard detail of covering the trench as well as paving two feet on either side of the trench would be followed for the project. Mr. Ramirez also asked if temporary water services would be provided and Mr. Kulkarni explained wherever power would be cut off to the water main temporary water service would be provided. Ms. Glassberg asked since this was approved in 2015, what the Board was being asked to vote on. Mr. Meunier explained there was nothing to vote on at the current meeting as it was the first hearing to notify the public and Mr. Davis confirmed it was more so just a formality and the project was merely being brought before the Board to be presented as informational and to be heard.

Public Testimony: None.

There being no further business, the Public Works Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.



Thomas J. Meunier
Executive Secretary



Nic Stewart
Recording Secretary