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

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

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

Mr. Summerson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:27 p.m.

1. **Approval of minutes:** Ms. Glassberg indicated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of **February 8, 2022**. Ms. Glassberg asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes.

Motion: On a motion made by **Mr. Summerson** and seconded by **Mr. Whitworth**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 8, 2022.

2. **Public Works Board Road Acceptance**

- (a) **Subdivision:** Enclave at River Hill, Phase 2, Lots 55 thru 124, Open Space Lots 125 thru 129 and Bulk Parcel 'C' (Being A Resubdivision of Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B', As Shown On Plats Entitled "Revision Plat, Enclave at River Hill, Phase 1, Lots 1 thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 and 52 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B'" Recorded Among The Land Records of Howard County, Maryland as Plat Nos. 24400 thru 24413)
R/SW Agreement No. F-17-003 W/S Agreement No. 34-4992-D
Road Names: Flutie Lane, Vincents Way, Northrop Way, and Lily Garden
Petitioner: Beazer Homes, LLC

Staff Presentation: **Mr. Katenkamp**, Administrative Analyst I, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Beazer Homes, LLC, a Maryland limited liability corporation, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of **Flutie Lane, Vincents Way, Northrop Way, and Lily Garden located within Enclave at River Hill, Phase 2, Lots 55 thru 124, Open Space Lots 125 thru 129 and Bulk Parcel 'C' (Being A Resubdivision of Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B', As Shown On Plats Entitled "Revision Plat, Enclave at River Hill, Phase 1, Lots 1 thru 50, Open Space Lots 51 and 52 and Bulk Parcels 'A' and 'B'" Recorded Among The Land Records of Howard County, Maryland as Plat Nos. 24400 thru 24413).** 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. Mr. Katenkamp noted that all of the roads are extensions from what was accepted at the last meeting.

Board Comments: At this time **Mr. Whitworth** asked if the problem with the bio-retention pond on Flutie Lane was corrected as his neighbor contacted him and explained when it had rained heavily the neighbor's basement had flooded excessively. Mr. Whitworth was unsure of the exact address, but did point out the area on the map provided with the documents provided and explained it was the bio-retention pond right before the stream crossing by Route 108. Mr. Whitworth further explained he had heard the County was supposed to correct the drainage ditch behind the bio-retention pond and asked if that work was done? Mr. **Kamran Sadeghi** asked when the flooding occurred, and Mr. Whitworth stated the neighbor had moved into the house and been in the house about five months when it had happened most likely in the fall. Mr. Sadeghi further stated he was not aware of the specific complaint, but he did state that this section was ready for dedication last month. Mr. Sadeghi did recognize that there was a particular ditch and swale that needed to be regraded at this bio-retention location, which is why dedication was pushed back a month. Mr. Whitworth asked if the neighbor had been satisfied, and Mr. Sadeghi responded that was unsure as he did not know of the complaint, although he did know the regrading and recent corrections were complete. At this time, **Ms. Glassberg** asked if this should be voted on at the current meeting or held off to follow up with the resident and voted on at a later meeting. Mr. Sadeghi responded that he would be happy to follow up on the matter.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: At this time **Ms. Glassberg** made the motion to table the subdivision until follow up with the resident had been made.

3. **Scenic Road Projects**

(a) **W8330, Old Columbia Pike Water Main Rehabilitation/Replacement (Second 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 second and final presentation of the 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 main is in close proximity of a large diameter gas transmission main protected with impressed currents. The existing water main is also located in areas known to have corrosive soils and stray current impacts; each of which condition is likely to lead to metallic pipe deterioration and/or failure. This 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 from the new water main. 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 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.

Board Comments: Mr. Summerson asked if the new water main was going on the other side of the existing water main, and Mr. Kulkarni confirmed it would as the road is wide enough that two water mains would fit on one side of the street and the gas main would be on the other side. Mr. Summerson asked if the new installation would be closer to the gas main, and Mr. Kulkarni explained it would be as there is no other room for it to go. Mr. Summerson further asked what the distance between the gas main and water main would be, and Mr. Kulkarni explained it would be 10 feet. Mr. Summerson asked what size the water main would be, and Mr. Kulkarni answered that it would be 8 feet.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Whitworth and seconded by Mr. Summerson, the Board unanimously approved Capital Project W8330, Old Columbia Pike Water Main Rehabilitation/Replacement.

At this time Mr. Meunier gave an update on the applicants for the two available seats on the Board stating that five applicants were received and the County Executive would be moving forward with selection of two. Once two would be selected, an April recommendation would be made to the Council with a May vote.

There being no further business, the Public Works Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Thomas J. Meunier
Executive Secretary

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Recording Secretary