

Members

Present: Larry Schoen, Chair
Ted Cochran, Vice Chair
David Drasin
Phillip Dodge
Shahriar Etemadi
Alice Giles
Marlene Hendler

Staff: Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary
Allison Calkins, Office of Transportation
Carrie Anderson-Watters, Office of Transportation
David Cookson, Office of Transportation
Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
Jill Manion, Department of Planning & Zoning
Brian Muldoon, Office of Transportation
Molly Nur, Office of Transportation
Brooks Phelps, Office of Transportation

Members Excused: Monica Simon

Members of the Public: Terri Hansen

1. Approval of Agenda for Meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Agenda was approved.

2. Review of Minutes from March 22, 2022

The draft minutes for the March meeting were presented for approval. Minutes passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There was no request for comment from members of the public.

4. New Business/Ongoing Business

- i. Downtown Columbia Development Update Part Two– Jill Manion
 - a. Neighborhood Design Guidelines are approved with each Final Development Plan, based on Downtown-wide design guidelines that were approved with the Downtown Columbia Plan in 2010
 - b. Per Section 125.0.E.2.b, Proposed Neighborhood Design Guidelines must be reviewed by the Design Advisory Panel
 - c. Modifications to Guidelines require additional review
 - d. Neighborhood Design Guidelines requirements include street design and framework, pedestrian and bicycle circulation features, and parking and service functions
 - e. Upcoming Walk Audit will help identify areas of concern and upcoming planned improvements

- f. Because we've been doing development of available land, areas of concern within the existing development haven't necessarily been addressed
- g. Guidelines provide framework for bicycle and pedestrian routes and connections
- h. Public can submit comments throughout the process whenever plans are in review with the county
- i. Transit Center will be located north of Little Patuxent Parkway in current buildings that will eventually be razed.
 - i. Number of building permits triggers the property turnover from Howard Hughes
 - ii. 2018 study predicted expansion of service; has not come to pass and the existing transit hub functions for current RTA service
- j. When development plans come in, anyone can request to look through the plans and documents and have access to submitted materials and comments by county staff

5. Development Update – David Cookson and Brooks Phelps

- i. New development
 - a. Design Advisory Panel: Public Storage on Chevrolet Drive
 - b. Zoning Board: Administrative Hearing
 - c. Board of Appeals: Borrower Lakefront, LLC
 - d. Whiskey Bottom Road: 4 single family detached (SFD) homes. Asking for sidewalk frontage in both directions
 - e. Hoods Mills Farm Lots 1-4: 4 SFD. No much that can be asked for as it's a long private driveway
- ii. Older development
 - a. Towns at Court Hill: asked developer for sidewalk
 - b. Working with developers on implementing new Design Manual standards

6. General Office of Transportation Updates

- i. General Assembly Update -- Bruce Gartner
 - i. Big push on pedestrian safety including additional evaluations of intersections
 - ii. Push from MACO for funding from trust funds for road maintenance; slight increases over next few years
 - iii. Transit Funding and Governance: Commission through BMC tasked with interim recommendations by December 2022 with a final report by December 2023
- ii. FY23 Budget Update – Bruce Gartner
 - i. Questions from Council on capital budget were generally to request more details on projects
 - ii. Downtown Columbia Work Session tomorrow will include the library
 - iii. Operating Budget has been submitted; includes a lot of grant funding
 - 1. Council work session is Friday, May 13th
 - iv. RTA Update
 - 1. Looking to get back to pre-February 2022 service levels in July, pre-pandemic levels by November as well as an expansion to Catonsville and other adjustments in Prince George's County
 - 2. Montgomery County submitted earmark requests to extend their Flash service into Howard County and grant funds are being explored as well
 - 3. RTA is still short over a dozen drivers, but recruits are in the process of obtaining CDLs
 - 4. Bus delivery is expected in September 2022; funding is solid but supply chain persist

- iii. Complete Streets Training – Chris Eatough
 - i. Two training sessions in April for DPW
 - ii. DPZ training sessions are next in early May
 - iii. Consultant is preparing public-facing materials as well as material for new staff
- iv. Bike to Work Day is May 20th with an event in the afternoon at Color Burst Park with a small program with the County Executive at 5PM
- v. Searching for a replacement member for MTB. Deadline is May 13th to apply

7. Future Meeting Items

- i. Complete Streets Implementation Updates-Ongoing
- ii. Update MTA Service (Express Bus, MARC)
- iii. MTA East-West Corridor Alignment Update

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:37 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

The next MTB meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 7pm.

Bruce Gartner
Executive Secretary

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Date