

**Minutes
Public Hearing
January 20, 2010**

County Council Public Hearing (Continued from 10/19/10) - 7:30 p.m.
Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Rt. 108, Ellicott City, MD

Council Members Present: Courtney Watson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, and Jen Terrasa.

Staff Present: Steve LeGendre, Debbie Bloom, Meredith Beach, and Theo Wimberly.

I. Tabled Legislation

- A. Amended Council Bill No. 58-2009 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of General Growth Properties - Adopting the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping Downtown Columbia; providing for a process to evaluate what education resources, including school sites, will be needed as the result of the revitalization and redevelopment of downtown Columbia; and generally relating to the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment. (Extended life 30 days & tabled 12/7/09 - Removed from table & substantively amended 1/4/10)
- B. Amended Council Bill No. 59 – Introduced by: The Chair at the request of General Growth Properties Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to create a new Downtown Columbia revitalization process in the New Town District; defining new terms; establishing a new residential density for Downtown Columbia; establishing new land use percentages for open space in Downtown Columbia; ~~establishing an affordable housing provision for Downtown Columbia revitalization;~~ requiring that a certain minimum percentage of the dwelling units permitted under the Downtown Columbia revitalization process be moderate income housing units; specifying the application of this Act to property currently improved pursuant to certain types of approved development plans; providing that the obligation to provide a Community Enhancement, Program or Public Amenity is not triggered by the development of arts, cultural, and community uses, or by development of a parcel consisting only of up to a certain size of commercial floor area; establishing new off-street parking requirements for Downtown Columbia revitalization; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district. (Extended life 30 days & tabled 12/7/09 - Removed from table & substantively amended 1/4/10)

II. Draft Amendments to CB59-2009 as amended were read by Mary Kay Sigaty

- A. Draft Amendment B would remove the environmental enhancement options for the replacement of downtown parkland.
- B. Draft Amendment E clarifies phasing.

- C. Draft Amendment N makes certain changes to open space reservation and enhancement requirements in order to:
 - 1. Remove certain redundant language;
 - 2. Reorganize certain language;
 - 3. Clarify the nature of future sites for downtown community commons; and
 - 4. Clarify what happens if downtown community commons are identified in excess of the requirement.
- D. Draft Amendment O clarifies chart compliance determinations
- E. Draft Amendment S clarifies language, adds submission requirements and Planning Board approval criteria relating to the Final Development Plan

III. Testimony continues for Draft Amendments to Amended CB58-2009

Stephen Meskin called to speak.
Joann Chambers called to speak.
Tim Singleton called to speak
Werner Gruhl called speak.
Ursula Kondo called speak.
Chip Lundy called to speak
David Yungmann called to speak.

IV. Administrator Steve LeGendre read into the record Amended CB59-2009.

Introduced by the Chair at the request of General Growth Properties - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to create a new Downtown Columbia revitalization process in the New Town District; defining new terms; establishing a new residential density for Downtown Columbia; establishing new land use percentages for open space in Downtown Columbia; establishing an affordable housing provision for Downtown Columbia revitalization; requiring that a certain minimum percentage of the dwelling units permitted under the Downtown Columbia revitalization process be moderate income housing units; specifying the application of this Act to property currently improved pursuant to certain types of approved development plans; providing that the obligation to provide a Community Enhancement, Program or Public Amenity is not triggered by the development of arts, cultural, and community uses, or by development of a parcel consisting only of up to a certain size of commercial floor area; establishing new off-street parking requirements for Downtown Columbia revitalization; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district.

V. Testimony continues for Amended CB58 and CB59 Draft Amendments

Harry Scharz called to speak
Tim Sosinski called to speak.
Alan Klein called to speak
Bridget Mugane called to speak.
Lee Richardson called to speak
John Bailey called to speak.

Judson Malone called to speak.
George Barker called to speak.
Tom O'Connor called to speak.
Caroline Sherman called to speak.
Russ Swatek called to speak.
Alex Hekimian called to speak.
Mark Southerland called to speak.
Eva Skrenta called to speak.
Dr. Joan Spicknall called to speak.
Tom Scott called to speak.
Ginger Scott called to speak.
William Erskine called to speak.

- VI. The Chair thanked the public. The next meeting is a work session at 4:30 on Monday, January 25, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.