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Minutes (approved)
Legislative Work Session
January 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Watson at 1:07 pm in the Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball (departed 4:03 pm), Greg Fox (arrived 2:05 pm), Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson.

Discussion: The members discussed the following items related to the following bills:

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.

Council Bill No. 59-2009 (ZRA-113) – 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

Tim Sosinski, Roy Appletree, Stacy Spann, Tom Carbo and Greg Hamm discussed affordable housing alternatives. Following further consultation, Messrs. Sosinski, Appletree and Hamm agreed to present a

potential resolution to the Council for consideration by February 1, 2010. The members discussed all of the prefiled amendments, with particular emphasis on several new or expanded ideas, including arts and culture, parking and transit. The possibility of amendments to amendments was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.