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Minutes (approved 1/4/10)
Legislative Work Session
December 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Watson at 7:59 pm in the Board Room, Board of Education, 10901 Route 108, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, 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; 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; establishing new off-street parking requirements for Downtown Columbia revitalization; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district

Topics for possible amendments Topics covered included GGP successors/assigns, affordable housing requirements, Symphony Woods Park and downtown parkland replacement requirements, tax increment financing, a description of the Mall neighborhood, a school site, preservation of the Rouse building, the phasing chart, CEPPAs, the public art program, final development plan criteria, the Design Advisory Panel and parking regulations.

The Council is planning to prefile substantive amendments on December 23, 2009. Other amendments will be posted in draft on the Council's web page as they are prepared. The public will have the opportunity to comment on amendments after the regular public hearing on January 19, 2010. The goal is to vote both bills at the February 1, 2010 legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

