

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland

Virtual Workshop

October 14, 2020

The virtual workshop of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via a Zoom meeting. Those present (quorum) were Commission Vice Chairman Rich Gallagher, Ex-officio member Jean LaPadula, Commission Members Bob Miller, David Lake, Dixie Eichelberger, Alternate, and Eric Ware, Temporary Alternate. Others present in official capacity: Cindy Unangst (Staff Planner). Applicants present: Fran Zeller, Harris Smariga; Sheila McDuff, Frederick County Public Libraries; Ian Selock, Frederick County Public Works. Residents present: Jim Underberg, Dan and Melissa Ward, McKenna Dunn, and Gavin Vierling.

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PLAN REVIEW

Middletown Library Concept Plan – The concept plan was submitted mainly for the purpose of discussing parking at the site. The applicant is proposing 93 spaces which would be less than the town’s regulations for a community center in which 153 would be required. There was feedback from the commission members as well as many members of the public that feel 93 spaces is too many. There was also concern from residents of Middletown Glen that the parking proposed on the east side of the property is too close to the houses adjacent to the site on Gaver Way. It was noted that Frederick County requires one quarter of the amount of parking for libraries that Middletown requires for community centers.

ZONING – none

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Chapter 4 Land Use maps – Cindy reviewed the minor changes made to the Land Use and Zoning maps.

Chapter 5 Transportation and maps – Cindy reviewed some of the additions to the chapter and asked the commission members for feedback on some questions she had. Further edits will be made for the meeting on Monday. Changes to the Chapter 5 maps were also reviewed.

Chapter 6 Community Facilities and map – Cindy reviewed some of the updates to this chapter and further revisions will be included in the document for the meeting next Monday. It was noted that the parking lot at the corner of North Church Street and East Green Street needs to be added to the map.

MISCELLANEOUS – **November workshop date change** – Cindy noted that Chairman Carney would not be available on Thursday, November 12th.

Workshop adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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