

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland

Virtual Workshop

September 16, 2020

The virtual workshop of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via a Zoom meeting. Those present (quorum) were Commission Chairman Mark Carney, Ex-officio member Jean LaPadula, Commission Members Rich Gallagher, Bob Miller, David Lake, and Eric Ware, Temporary Alternate. Others present in official capacity: Cindy Unangst (Staff Planner). Applicants present: Patricia Neumark, St. Thomas More Academy Dean; Jim Merkel, St. Thomas More Academy Board President; Gary Baker, Architect for St. Thomas More Academy; Brian Riesett, St. Thomas More Academy; Jennifer Falcinelli.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP:

PLAN REVIEW

St. Thomas More Revised Site Plan – Cindy reviewed why this plan is being brought back before the Planning Commission which is due to the previously approved plan not being approved for a building permit by the County. There was discussion about how this proposal might move forward and additional information needed by the commission for the Monday meeting.

ZONING –

Temporary sign regulations – Cindy explained that we might want to take a step back and look at revising our sign regulations to make them content-neutral as suggested by the Town Attorney. She will plan to work with the attorney and the folks in Myersville who are doing the same thing.

Downtown Revitalization Zone – Commissioner Falcinelli explained the idea behind the Downtown Revitalization Zone and there was discussion about how developments in that program still need to go through the site plan review process. There were concerns about the proposal that these projects could be expedited thru the review process within a 30-day time frame. Cindy will work on a review checklist for all projects in the DRZ.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Chapter 4 Land Use – Cindy questioned the commission members about some of the tables in the chapter and how they might be better portrayed.

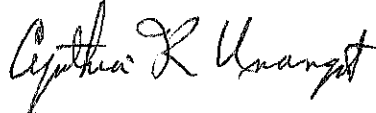
Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 Maps – Cindy reviewed the maps and some minor edits were proposed.

Chapter 5 Transportation – 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 and this chapter will be brought back to the commissions members again next month.

Comp Plan Survey – Cindy said that the survey will go out to the public tomorrow so to get any comments to her by tomorrow afternoon.

Workshop adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia K. Unangst".

Cynthia K. Unangst, AICP
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