

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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RESOLUTION NO. 132- 2007

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION creating a task force to study public engagement in the Howard County land use planning processes.

Introduced and read for the first time on _____, 2007.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2007.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on _____, 2007.

Certified by _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Section 902 of the Howard County Charter authorizes the creation of
2 temporary advisory boards of residents to assist in the consideration of administrative policies

1 and programs; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Council recognizes that residents of the County have
4 an interest in an open and transparent land use planning process which affords them meaningful
5 opportunities to give input on development issues which affect them; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Council recognizes that there is opportunity for improvement in
8 public engagement in the land use planning process; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the County Council sees a need for a task force to study the land use
11 planning process and recommend ways to make it more inclusive; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Council believes that such a task force should comprise diverse
14 and interested parties, including residents, business owners, and government officials to reflect
15 the diversity of the County and the multitude of concerns and solutions to be investigated.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
18 Maryland, this ____ day of _____, 2007, that the County Council establishes the Public
19 Engagement in Land Use Planning Task Force to perform the following tasks:

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~~1. Examine processes including, but not limited to the following:~~

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~~a. The Subdivision and Land Development process.~~

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~~b. The Planning Board process.~~

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~~c. The Zoning Regulation Amendment process.~~

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~~d. The Comprehensive Zoning process.~~

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~~e. Zoning Board process.~~

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1. EXAMINE CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE LAND

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PLANNING PROCESS, IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLARIFYING AND IMPROVING

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND RECOMMEND POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS AND

1 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.

- 2 2. Elect co – chairs from the task force’s membership to direct and facilitate the
3 group’s functions. There shall be one co-chair who represents residential interests
4 and the other co-chair shall represent development interests; and
5 3. Prepare and present to the County Council a draft task force report by May 5,
6 2008 which recommends potential ~~changes to the County’s planning process.~~

7 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.

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9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, that
10 the Public Engagement in Land Use Planning Task Force consists of the following members
11 appointed by the Council:

- 12 1. 3 resident members named by each Council member;
13 2. A member to be named by the League of Women Voters of Howard County;
14 3. A member to be named by the Howard County Citizens Association;
15 4. A member to be named by the ~~Columbia Association~~ HOWARD COUNTY
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;
17 5. A member to be named by the Howard County Chapter of the Home Builders
18 Association of Maryland;
19 6. A member to be named by Howard County Association of Realtors;
20 7. A member to be named by the Howard County Chamber of Commerce;
21 8. A MEMBER TO BE NAMED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND
22 OFFICE PARKS; AND

23 8 9. Two members with expertise in Howard County zoning law to be named by the
24 Howard County Bar Association, one member shall represent residential interests and
25 the other shall represent development interests.

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27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County that
28 the task force membership may break into sub-committees to accomplish its tasks and the
29 membership of any sub-committee may expand as needed to accomplish the task.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Howard County asks the County Executive to assign one staff member to attend task force meetings and provide expertise and advice from the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Public Works.