

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
August 12, 2020**

Attendance:

James Thornton
Diane Sengstacke
Aaron Penman
Geoffrey Close

P&Z Staff:

Brad Killian
Jennifer Freeman

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the May 2020 and June 2020 PAB meetings.

- 3) **Review of Major Development Projects**

Brad Killian from Planning and Zoning made a presentation reviewing major development projects. There are 2 Community Input Meetings scheduled. One is for Dollar General and one is for Maryland Center for the Arts. There are 2 DAC meeting coming up. On August 19th the Former Lands of Caddie Homes and 807 Pulaski Highway are scheduled. The Former Lands of Caddie Homes is for retail/mixed use. 807 Pulaski Highway is for a 15,200 sf retail/office. The September 2nd DAC meeting also has 2 plans. 2220 Old Emmorton Road is to convert an existing residence into office. Lapidum Heights is a minor subdivision. Mr. Killian talked about the Track-it! App that is on the website. It shows 2 CIM currently scheduled/complete, 28 plans currently in progress for DAC and 12 Board of Appeals cases active.

Mr. Killian went over a few projects. Foster's Branch at Ridgely's Reserve was approved in April 2020. It is a preliminary plan for 200 SFD and 188 TH. Bel Air Overlook has an approval signed. It is a Preliminary Plan/Site Plan for 201 units, HFE and office/retail, gas station. Grace Hall is a preliminary plan for 333 units (SFD/TH), and HFE. He also talked about a few other projects which included James Run, Abingdon Business Park, Benson's Corner, Homes at Fountain Green, and Crossroads at Hickory.

Mr. Close asked about how many apartments there are at Benson and Homes at Fountain Green. Mr. Killian said he doesn't know the exact number. Mr. Close said it seems to be the fad to build apartments. Mr. Killian said some of them are HUD supported so they are required to be done. There are 72 and a Hickory project across the street. Benson is 50 or 100 apartments. Mr. Thornton asked about Abingdon Business Park. Has litigation been resolved? Mr. Killian said it has not been resolved. The Forest Conservations plan approval has been challenged. Mr. Killian shared a map of James Run. There are townhomes, office and retail, a hotel, and some apartments.

Mr. Killian talked about permits. The permit amounts have been about the same as past years. Mr. Thornton said it appears 2020 looks like the lowest in the past years. Are other jurisdiction about the same? Mr. Killian said he doesn't have recent data about that. Ms. Sengstacke said that there is the rest of the year to add. Mr. Killian said it still could be the lowest. Mr. Close said he is surprised about the level of activity with the pandemic. Many things are moving ahead. He also said there is little inventory for sale. Ms. Sengstacke said she can't keep up with everything. She is busy.

4) **Other Business**

The next meeting is September 9th for the Budget.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.