

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
May 12, 2021**

Attendance:

James Thornton
Diane Sengstacke
Geoffrey Close
Aaron Penman

P&Z Staff:

Jenny Jarkowski
Jennifer Freeman
Joel Gallihue

1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the April 2021 PAB meeting.

3) **Bike & Pedestrian Plan**

Joel Gallihue presented the Bike & Pedestrian Plan. The county is broken up into 7 corridors. These corridors include: Upper Creek, Rail Trail, Conowingo, Greenway, Mountain, Post and Pulaski. They include different strategies: Neighborhood, Excursion and Linkages. The plan is different. It is online. It is a continuation of HarfordNEXT and the 2013 Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. They want to consider regular riders when making the plan. They scored all the transportation facilities within the County with the Level of Traffic Stress. Some of the low stress areas could be linked. They have shown information about different areas and what is recommended. Also, what they are linked to. Each corridor has its own story map, or tour. There are over 200 project identified. They are analysis of the county. Funding for the project could come from different places. Capital projects and grants are a few examples. There are several ways on the website to provide input.

Mr. Close asked about the path in Bel Air. Would it be pedestrian and bike? Mr. Gallihue said it would be. They would add a bicycle surface. They are working on a grant for a study. They also have a grant to study Rt. 40. Mr. Thornton agrees with studying Rt. 40. He wants to know if they bring in a focus group about the Bike/Ped Plan. A path in the southern part of the county could help with health issues as well. Mr. Gallihue said they have worked with focus groups with Bike Harford a number of times. They still want to give comments. The Rt. 40 idea came out of data from the Census data. The Joppa/Joppatowne Community Advisory Board had interesting

concerns. They wanted to know about the Magnolia Area if a rezoning was approved. They also wanted to know about bike share or grants to get bikes available. There are some ways that could be done. The County hasn't prioritized any projects yet. Mr. Close asked if they could try a pilot plan. Mr. Gallihue said they would get information from any project that is done. Mr. Thornton asked about serious riders who are not a part of the Bike Harford organization. Maybe have a group of people of color to help with input. He also asked about the next Comprehensive Rezoning. Ms. Jarkowski said 2025 is the next Comp Rezoning. She thinks a different group of people to present to and get comments from is a great idea. They will get with Mr. Thornton about a specific group.

4) Other Business

They discussed a few agenda ideas. Next month meeting will get a presentation about Agricultural Preservation and a permit/planning overview. The next PAB meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 6 pm.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.