

PLAN PRINCE GEORGE'S 2035 IMPLEMENTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE

September 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

CM Thomas Dernoga
Tony Felts
Bradley Heard
Ronald Weiss
Andrea Crooms
Nathaniel Foreman

Evelyn Hoban
Katina Shoulars
James Riley
Ashlee Green
Walter Simmons
Frederick Tutman

Staff:

Natalia Gomez
Rana Hightower

Guests:

Lakisha Hull, Planning Director, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Welcome (CM Dernoga)

Attendance - Have quorum.

Recap of Last Meeting

Discussion:

- CM Dernoga: for the upcoming meeting, I recommend a presentation of Plan 2035, including what has been implemented, what is working, and what needs attention, funding, and an estimated timeline.

-Discussion on infrastructure– Ms. Crooms: can you clarify what infrastructure is to plan accordingly? CM Dernoga: it should have a finance component, look at the CIP to start on an annual basis to define priorities. Ms. Crooms: we are looking at funding under implementation and working with consultants on infrastructure focused on resilience, climate change, and adaptation to determine what needs to be protected. Mr. Foreman: What creates extra costs? How do we know why a particular project is more expensive? CM Dernoga: The county will be looking at high-level numbers.

-Discussion on the progress of Task Force Review Website and Materials Posted – CM Dernoga: The progress of the Task Force is updated on the website, and currently, there is an assessment for infrastructure for future topics.

-Discussion on Highlight Current Plans in Progress that Implement Plan 2035 and Climate Action for FY25 – Ms. Hull: introduced the two new task members from Park and Planning, Katina Shoulars and Tony Felts, highlighted the funds and resources to implement Plan 2035, including partnerships with municipalities and requested for direction and feedback to consider for FY26. Mr. Tutman: who is going to present an update on the County debt? CM Dernoga: There are briefings related to the budget; the debt service is limited by the 8% cap of the general fund budget that is almost reached. CM Fisher (who is not a Task Force member and briefly attended the session): How do we show the public what has been accomplished in Plan 2035? Ms. Hull: There are benchmarks and indicators we monitor yearly and quarterly to decide if the plan is accomplishing its goals. Mr. Felts: We released a 2019 update as well as every five years, and a presentation of the status of Plan 2035 was shown to the Task Force in previous sessions. CM Dernoga: Yes, there was a briefing in March. Mr. Weiss: I encourage planning staff to bring the message to the communities; most people don't know about Plan 2035,

and a conversation would be beneficial. Ms. Hull: We updated our website, organized a brown bag series with planning topics open to the public, have the Neighborhood Planning Academy, and are increasing our presence on social media. Mr. Felts: The masterplan evaluation project is under review, and its achievements to identify new needs in the County.

-Discussion on Highlight legislation that implements Plan 2035 for FY25 – Ms. Hull: three pieces of legislation that include EV charging and parking, the Woodlands Conservation Ordinance, and the Zoning Code rewrite. Mr. Heard: Are there any recommendations from Park and Planning for the state regarding legislative reforms or other relevant legislation? Ms. Hull: Park and Planning is studying different topics from the state legislation, such as ADUs (accessory dwelling units), solar panels, and missing middle housing study. CM Dernoga: For FY25 and upcoming agenda items, are you looking for any forthcoming legislation? Ms. Hull: yes, the Subdivision Regulations. CM Dernoga: please put together a list for FY25, including APF ordinances. Ms. Hull: yes, we are doing a fiscal impact study and working on a new master plan of transportation.

-Discussion on Climate Action Plan – CM Dernoga: I would like to see the Climate Action Plan implemented in individual projects and assessments in school adequacy tests. Ms. Hull: Park and Planning is looking into the Commission and Countywide CIP efforts, and public-private partnerships are under assessment. CM Dernoga: Include some steps in the action plan to identify a CIP review team during the budget preparation. The Council might need to create a team and prioritize the legislation. Ms. Crooms: The Climate Action plan is currently being drafted; we need to identify the steps to be taken before that team is established, including coordination with agencies and asking them if their projects include resilience elements. Mr. Riley: are there any projects we can submit for federal or state support? Projects that the County cannot fulfill? Ms. Crooms: twenty-five percent of our funds are state or federal. CM Dernoga: the plan's annual report prioritizes projects and revises the subdivision regulations that require projects to provide adequacy. Mr. Foreman: The subdivision regulation includes a twelve-year certificate of adequacy for every approved project. This timeframe was the result of negotiations with Park and Planning.

-Discussion on closing remarks – CM Dernoga: any ideas for the next session on infrastructure? Mr. Simmons: Capitalize on opportunities for infrastructure that qualify for federal funding destined for workforce development and notify projects that are eligible for funding to fix infrastructure issues. CM Dernoga: Mr. Simmons, please prepare a 20-minute presentation of the report. Mr. Foreman: Please clarify what qualifies for funding to the taskforce. Mr. Simmons: training people to be part of the labor force based on supply and demand, skills and qualification of residents for jobs in Prince George's County, look into the QCEW (Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages) what of it relates to infrastructure, future education and transition to jobs, how to attract and retain workforce.

Next meeting is in-person October 28, 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates:

- October 28, 4:00 – 5:00 pm.
- November 18, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Future dates to be determined