

**Taneytown Planning Commission  
Minutes  
March 28, 2016**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met, March 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, Glass, Wantz, Naylor and Archie were present. County planning liaison Graf, City manager Heine, and planning director Wieprecht were also present. The meeting opened with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Parker requested that the order of the agenda be modified to allow discussion of the pending medical cannabis dispensary ordinance prior to other business. Commission member Wantz moved to amend the agenda, placing review of the pending dispensary ordinance immediately after review of the prior month's minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the February 29, 2016 Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved following motion by commission member Wantz.

City manager Heine reviewed elements of Ordinance 21-2016, Cannabis Dispensary Overlay Zone. Discussion was held on the merits of limiting the ordinance to dispensaries rather than including growing and distribution operations. Chairman Parker suggested that protecting the health, safety and welfare of Taneytown be added as item number 2 of the goals of the ordinance. Commission member Naylor moved to support ordinance 21-2016 if amended to add health, safety and welfare of Taneytown. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed aspects of the request for a site plan waiver for 5300 Taneytown Pike by CannaMD, and introduced Jordan Stewart and Josh Nicodemus who described the planned operation and alterations intended for the property. Commission members raised concerns regarding installation of a generator and propane tanks at the site. Commission member Wantz moved to deny the request for a site plan waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report, and updated the commission on current development projects.

County liaison Graf shared information from the recent bike and pedestrian survey, and distributed summary information from the survey.

Chairman Parker suggested deferring discussion on the comprehensive plan until April due to other items on the agenda taking longer than anticipated. The next Commission meeting will be on April 25, 2016. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM on motion by Commission member Glass.

Submitted by:

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