

**Taneytown Planning Commission  
Minutes  
May 23, 2016**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met, May 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Glass, Wantz and Naylor 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.

The minutes of the April 25, 2016 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Chairman Parker requested that developer information be added to the paragraph regarding a site plan waiver request for 5300 Taneytown Pike. Commission member Wantz moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed aspects of the preliminary site plan for 5300 Taneytown Pike by CannaMD, and introduced Andrew Cohen, CEO of CannaMD. Mr. Cohen spoke to efforts thus far regarding development of the site. The majority of the work will be interior renovations. CannaMD intends is to keep the exterior of the building and the site itself much as they appear today. Planning director Wieprecht advised that comments from review agencies are pending.

Commission members commented on the County's 2015 Annual Planning Report, and County liaison Graf responded to comments and questions on the report. Commission member Wantz moved to approve the 2015 Annual Planning Report, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report and ongoing development projects with the Commission. Discussion was held regarding expanding the allowance of electronic message display board type signs. Planning director Wieprecht reviewed several options and potential text amendments by which the code could be amended to accommodate some or all of those interested in utilizing such signs. Based on the discussion, planning director Wieprecht will provide a summary to the Mayor and City Council for their next workshop. Commission member Wantz advised he had notes to be incorporated in that summary. Key points included expansion of the signs into more locations and zoning districts, while providing the ability to limit the displays in certain districts. Commission member Wantz will report to the Mayor and Council at the next workshop.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed drafts of Natural and Agricultural Resources, and Economic Development chapters of the comprehensive plan with the Commission. Some statistical information has yet to be updated, and discussion was held regarding downtown revitalization, but no specific changes were requested to the drafts.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM on motion by Commission member Wantz.

Submitted by:

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