

**Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes
September 25, 2017**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on, September 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Glass, Wantz, and Naylor were present. City Attorney Gullo, County liaison Moser, and planning director Wieprecht were also in attendance.

The minutes of the August 28, 2017 Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Commission member Glass.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed ordinance 10-2017 Outdoor displays and services in the Downtown Business District. The ordinance provides for limited outdoor displays of merchandise and outdoor food service in the Downtown District. Commission member Naylor moved to recommend the ordinance proceed to public hearing as presented. The motion passed 4 to 1, with Commission member Glass casting the dissenting vote.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report to the Commission, highlighting concerns regarding parking exceptions for existing buildings in the downtown business district based on current text of the code. Discussion was held regarding parking exemptions and parking in general in the Downtown District and how those concerns might be addressed. Planning director Wieprecht also updated the Commission on current development projects.

Attorney Gullo advised the Commission that the Mayor and Council were supportive of the Commission's request for the ability to comment on pending Board of Appeals cases. A text amendment will be drafted for November. Commission members inquired about previously discussed efforts to permit drive through food service in the downtown Business District, and discussion followed resulting in consensus to pursue changes to allow drive through food service in the district in a limited manner.

County liaison Moser advised the Commission that she and County GIS staff are working to update the City's Zoning map to include areas annexed since the current zoning map was approved in 2010.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2017. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 following motion by commission member Glass.

Submitted by:

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