

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
February 10, 2021**

Attendance:

James Thornton
Diane Sengstacke
Aaron Penman
Geoffrey Close

P&Z Staff:

Jenny Jarkowski
Jennifer Freeman
Jacob Bensen

1) The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the December 2020 PAB meeting.

3) **Historic Preservation**

Jacob Bensen from Planning and Zoning presented. Historic Preservation is keeping properties, places, and landscapes of historic and cultural value in active use while accommodating appropriate improvements to sustain their viability and character. We preserve to honor diverse heritage, support sound community planning & development, maintain community character & support livability, support sustainability, and support economic growth and job creation. Major players in Historic Preservation at the Federal level includes National Park Service and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. At the State level includes State Historic Preservation Office (Maryland Historical Trust), Other State agencies (DNR, SHA) and Statewide Non-profits (Preservation Maryland). And at the local level includes Elected Body, Department of Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation/District Commissions and Community groups. There are also major programs. These include: Federal – National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmarks, Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Section 106, and Certified Local Government Program. State – Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Easements, Rehabilitation Tax Credits, and Historic Preservation Grants. Local – Local Historic District or Landmark Designation, Rehabilitation Tax Credit and Zoning Code. Harford County is a Certified Local Government. Mr. Bensen talked about the difference between Survey and Designation.

Mr. Close asked if Harford County as working on anything now. Mr. Bensen said they are working on several designation now. They are at the beginning of the process. Mr. Bensen said they are now working on a grant which will be a book that will help guide the process. Mr. Thornton mentioned a few building he would like to get guidance on. Mr. Bensen said he would be glad to help. Mr. Close asked if there was an inventory of the older churches. Mr. Bensen said yes. The Maryland Historical Trust has information. They constantly are adding new information.

4) Other Business

They discussed a few agenda ideas. Some ideas include Board of Appeals, Permits Center, Bike/Pedestrian Plan and Annual Growth Report. Mr. Close asked about the old Bel Air Auto Auction area. Ms. Jarkowski said the plans are on hold. Mr. Penman asked about getting information about legislation. The next PAB meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 6 pm.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.