

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
October 14, 2020**

Attendance:

James Thornton
Diane Sengstacke
Aaron Penman
Geoffrey Close

P&Z Staff:

Brad Killian
Jennifer Freeman

Also in Attendance:

Mary Hastler, HCPL
Lou Claypool, Harford Community College
Trevor Jackson, Harford Community College
Eddie Hopkins, Emergency Services
Jeff Gahler, Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Blessing, Sheriff's Office
Daniel Galbraith, Sheriff's Office
Christen Sullivan, Budget
Kim Spence, Budget
Rob Sandlass, Treasury

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes/Summary**

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

3) Fiscal Year 22 Budget – Library Systems

Mary Hastler presented for the Library. They are asking for funding this year for several priorities. These include Bel Air Branch Refresh, Darlington Branch Expansion, Technology, and Outreach Vehicles. As well as some Miscellaneous Projects. A few ongoing projects include the Aberdeen Library Refresh, Abingdon HVAC, Edgewood Library Joint Use Facility with HCC, Havre de Grace Library, and Fallston and Joppa Libraries.

Mr. Thornton asked if there is a way to see how we allocated capital by council manic district over the last 5 years. Mr. Sandlass said it shows on the map if it is a specific project but it is harder for general projects. That is always available. Ms. Spence said it can be put together for specific projects. Ms. Hastler said for a roof or HVAC type

projects we can get a capital grant through the State of Maryland so they can almost double the investment from what the county is doing.

4) Fiscal Year 22 Budget – Harford Community College

Lou Claypool and Trevor Jackson presented for Harford Community College. Trevor Jackson talked about their completed project which is the Fallston Hall Renovation. Their requested funds are for Chesapeake Welcome Center, a Library Renovation and Student Center Renovation. The County has already given a commitment for the \$16,400,000 for Chesapeake Welcome Center.

Mr. Thornton asked about the study to look at the placement of a Tech Center on the Route 40 Corridor. It is not included today. Mr. Claypool said we do have a partnership with the library and they are building a presence on the Route 40 Corridor using the facility at the library. Ms. Sengstacke said she likes the presentation showing the next several years.

5) Fiscal Year 22 Budget – Emergency Operations

Eddie Hopkins presented for Emergency Operations. Their priorities are as follows: Riverside EMS/VFC Station, North EMS Station, Next Gen-911, Multi-Agency Public Safety Mobile Command Center, Mobile/Portable Radio System Upgrade, VFC Public Safety Equipment, Public Safety Communication in School Buildings, and Emergency Operations Center Complex.

Mr. Close asked did you request money for the Mobile Command Center last year. Mr. Hopkins said yes. They were in the design phase. Ms. Spence said it has been fully funded it is waiting to get engineering started. Ms. Sengstacke asked about the order of priorities. Mr. Hopkins said Next Gen-911, North EMS Station, Riverside EMS/VFC Station and Portable Radio System would be near the top. The Mobile Command Center would be in the middle. They are all connected so it is hard to separate.

6) Fiscal Year 22 Budget- Sheriff's Office

Jeff Gahler, Dan Galbraith and Jennifer Blessing represented the Sheriff's Office. They presented their top priority projects for the Sheriff's Office. They include: Body Worn Camera Program, Computer Support and Network Upgrade, Mobile Data Terminal Replacement, County Watch Camera System Upgrade, SOTER RS Full Body Security Scanning System, Title III Electronic Surveillance Equipment, Property Management Unit Security Camera System, STAR WITNESS, Cell Site Simulator Replacement, and HCSO Consolidated Facility Study.

Mr. Close asked how long the cell site simulator would last. Mr. Galbraith said there will be a service agreement and upgrades would be included. Mr. Gahler said it should

hopefully last for years. Mr. Thornton said we have asked that the body worn cameras be funded and recommended. Ms. Sengstacke asked about the amount that was requested. Mr. Gahler said it is over a few years. Mr. Sandlass said it does add up. Mr. Thornton asked if more agencies had not started body worn cameras. Mr. Gahler said the majority in Maryland don't have body cameras. Mr. Penman asked if the State was going to provide any funding. Mr. Gahler said there is a workgroup that may provide more information. Mr. Sandlass said the State could provide funding at first and that stop. Mr. Close asked if the body cameras would work without the computer upgrades. Mr. Galbraith said they would need upgraded computers that work with the cameras.

7) **Other Business**

The next meeting is November 18th for the Budget and a rezoning application.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.