

Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission Meeting

December 13, 2010/1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Governor's Reception Room
State House
Annapolis, Maryland**

Meeting Summary

Members: Jon Laria, Calvin Ball, Derick Berlage, Greg Bowen, Russ Brinsfield, Kelly Cartales, Diane Chasse, Sandy Coyman, John Dillman, Alan Girard, Richard Hall, Don Halligan, Frank Hertsch, Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Brigid Kenney, Gerrit Knaap, Patricia Langenfelder, David Lever, Thomas Liebel, Mary Ann Lisanti, Robb Merritt, Sam Parker, Dru Schmidt-Perkins, Ray Skinner, Rollin Stanley, Jorge Austrich (for Bob Walker), Duane Yoder

Attendees: Marty Baker, Martin Bierbaum, Jamie Bridges, David Costello, Candace Donoho, Anne Eisele (for Malcolm Woolf), Kurt Fuchs, Jim George, Carol Gilbert, Sandy Olek, Amanda Mock, Caroline Varney-Alvarado

MDP Staff: John Coleman, Amanda Conn, Peter Conrad, Jason Dubow, Elizabeth Hughes, Rich Josephson, Jenny King, Shannon Marino, Matt Power, Andy Ratner, Pat Russell

The Chair, Jon Laria began the meeting at 1:15p.m. by welcoming and thanking the Commission members for attending today's meeting especially during the holiday season. Mr. Laria expressed his gratitude to the Governor for allowing the Commission to use the Governor's Reception Room. Mr. Laria encouraged the members to stay for the tour following the meeting.

Introductions/Administrative Matters

Mr. Laria went over the 2011 Sustainable Growth Commission meeting schedule. He announced we are going to make an effort to hold meetings in different locations around the state.

Mr. Laria noted that there will be a total of six meetings from 1-4 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Mr. Laria explained that soon workgroup meetings will be formed and hopefully members of the Commission will be able to put a lot of time into their success. Mr. Laria said if not a meeting, a conference call amongst the members of the workgroup will work as well.

Mr. Laria encouraged members to take Planning Commissioners Training Course which is available on the Maryland Department of Planning's website. Mr. Laria stressed that it a great opportunity and a good way to get educated about local planning.

Adoption of By-Laws

Mr. Laria discussed the By-Laws. A few Members made comments mainly regarding minor typographical errors. The By-Laws were adopted as drafted noting that the errors would be addressed. A copy of the By-Laws may be accessed at:

http://planning.maryland.gov/PDF/YourPart/773/msgc_bylaws.pdf .

Sustainable Growth in Maryland

Secretary Rich Hall, Maryland Department of Planning, presented a PowerPoint on Sustainable Growth in Maryland which may be accessed at:

http://planning.maryland.gov/PDF/YourPart/773/20101213/MarylandSmartGreen&Growing_REH_121310.pdf . Mr. Hall educated the Commission on Maryland's planning background and how it relates to Smart Growth. Mr. Hall focused on the issues, growth trends, Smart Growth efforts and the next steps. Mr. Hall presented the changes in land use from 1933-2010 and he discussed the Smart Growth efforts which included GreenPrint, AgPrint, and GrowthPrint. Mr. Hall also discussed PlanMaryland which may be accessed at: Plan.Maryland.gov .

Watershed Implementation Plan

Jim George, Maryland Department of the Environment, presented a PowerPoint on the Watershed Implementation Plan. Mr. George discussed Phase I of the Watershed Implementation Plan and explained that we are now moving into Phase II of the Watershed Implementation Plan.

Mr. George explained that there will be meetings with local governments on the process this coming January and February. Mr. Girard asked how can we support MDE and move forward on Phase II. Mr. George responded we are currently working on a commitment milestone through 2011. A copy of the presentation may be accessed at:

http://planning.maryland.gov/PDF/YourPart/773/20101213/MovingtoPhaseII_WIP_121310.pdf .

Governor's Transition Forums

Mr. Costello gave brief overview of the Governor's five Transition Forums. Mr. Costello said the first one is scheduled for next Monday, December 20, 2010 focusing on Business and the Economy. Mr. Costello said the most relevant forum to the Commission will be the one related to Sustainability on January 7, 2011. All members will be invited. Mr. Costello noted that there will be break-out sessions that will include a lot of cross cutting themes. Mr. Laria stressed to members to try to make an effort to attend the January 7th Forum.

Work Plan

Mr. Laria reviewed the work plan and welcomed feedback on the workgroups. Mr. Laria said a preference form will be sent to members and we will try our best to put the best people with the best workgroup.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm and continued with tours of the State House Dome and Old Senate Chambers.