



Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission Meeting

May 20, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maryland State Offices in Crownsville
100 Community Place, First Floor Conference Room - Side A
Crownsville, MD 21032

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Susan Summers, Robert McCord, Wendi Peters, Tom Ballentine, Deborah Carpenter, Sarel Cousins representing Diane Chasse, Charlotte Lawson Davis, Michael Davis, Devon Dodson, Charles Glass, Arabia Davis representing Robert Gorrell, Duane Felix representing Ken Holt, Gerrit Knaap, Les Knapp, Sandi Olek, Roger Venezia

Elected Officials:

None

Attendees:

Catherine Mateer, Steve McHenry

MDP Staff:

Chuck Boyd, Michael Bayer, Joe Griffiths

The following agenda items were discussed:

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – *Susan Summers, Chair*
- II. Administrative Matters and Updates – *Chuck Boyd, MDP*
 - State Ethics Commission’s Financial Disclosure Statement – Past Due April 30
 - Update on 2019 and 2020 Growth Awards
- III. A Better Maryland Update –*Joe Griffiths/Chuck Boyd, MDP*
 - Overview of process developing Plan and Commission contributions to the process
 - Review public comments
 - Present any proposed changes
 - Consideration of Resolution for Commission endorsement of A Better Maryland

Action Taken:

As part of the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission’s charge to provide advice on the content and preparation of the State Development Plan, the Commission has reviewed the April 18, 2019 draft *State Development Plan: A Better Maryland*. The Commission at its May 20, 2019 meeting discussed the public comments received, possible recommended changes to the draft plan, and the endorsement of the draft plan as a framework for moving smart, sustainable growth forward in Maryland.

After the discussion, **the Commission voted unanimously to endorse the** draft *A Better Maryland* with the understanding that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) will address the issues raised during the May 20th at meeting which included: 1) consideration of Maryland’s aging

population; 2) collaboration among State transit agencies; 3). modernization of Maryland's agriculture industry; and 4) exploration of funding options for infrastructure.

In accordance with the Commission's governing statute, we offer the continued engagement of the Commission and its workgroups to help facilitate implementation of *A Better Maryland*. It is the Commission's belief that submission of the plan to the Governor is the first of many significant milestones in the state planning process where local governments and other stakeholders will work collaboratively with State agencies to focus growth in our communities with available infrastructure and to preserve our agricultural, natural and cultural resources.

IV. Legislative Review - 2019 Session – *Adam Gruz, MDP*

V. Census 2020 Update – *Randall Nixon, MDP*

VI. Workgroup Updates

- Education Workgroup
- Rural Economies Workgroup

VII. Public Comments

The next Growth Commission meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2019 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Bldg, 1st Floor Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401