

**Planning Advisory Board  
Meeting Summary  
February 13, 2019**

**Attendance:**

Board Members:

Geoffrey Close (Chair)  
Maria Terry  
Beth Boyson

P&Z Staff:

Brad Killian  
Jennifer Freeman  
Joel Galihue  
Brittany Long

1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the November 2018 PAB meetings.

3) **GI Plan/Bike Plan**

Joel Galihue introduced Brittany Long, who made the presentation about Long Range Planning. Ms. Long talked about the Green Infrastructure. Green Infrastructure is to protect and restore streams, wetlands and buffers. We are providing environmental benefits to ourselves and the environment. It also provides flood protection, erosion control and removing pollutants from the air. It provides an opportunity for recreation in our communities. They got comments and suggestions that were incorporated into the Green Infrastructure draft. They made the feedback in an appendix. There is a web based GIS viewer called Interactive Map. The Green Infrastructure network is mapped on the Interactive Map. The Green Infrastructure are promoting and suggesting changes. They also have demonstration projects. They demonstrate that there are simple things that people can do in their own yards. They are working with multiple departments in implementing the projects. Mr. Close asked if the Green Infrastructure plan gets approved by anyone. Ms. Long said it is just the Planning and Zoning project. It is being implemented because of HarfordNEXT. Mr. Galihue said HarfordNEXT has specific strategies and one of them was to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan. It is located on our website.

Mr. Galihue made a presentation about Historic Preservation. He pointed out there is a Historic Preservation Commission. They review historic landmark nomination, design review and have an advisory role to County about Historic Preservation. They are pursuing Certified Local Government. The county would qualify HPC with staggered terms, design guidelines and power to designate local historic landmarks and historic district. They would be able to get grants, have access to MHT staff and training and there are economic, environmental, and social benefits. Mr. Galihue said Planning and Zoning will beginning the Bike/Pedestrian Plan this year.

4) **Other Business**

Ms. Boyson asked about Golf Course Legislation. She wants to keep the legislation the same and she was concerned the current law would be changed.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.