

Office of the Chairman
Prince George's County Planning Board

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September 28, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair, Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20772

Re: CR-81-2023 and CB-86-2023

Dear Chairman Dernoga:

Thank you for providing the Planning Board an opportunity to review and comment on proposed District Council legislation. During the September 28, 2023 Planning Board meeting, the following positions were adopted in accordance with the Planning Department staff's recommendations on the proposed legislation. **A Planning Board Analysis of each legislative item is attached for your consideration, and a brief excerpt from each report is provided below:**

***CR-81-2023** A resolution for the purpose of establishing the Plan Prince George's 2035 Implementation and Infrastructure Task Force; setting forth procedures for the selection and appointment of members; assigning duties and responsibilities; setting forth provisions for administrative support of the board; and setting a time for the completion of work and termination of the temporary board.*

Planning Board Recommendation: Support.
(See Attachment 1 for full analysis)

Plan 2035, under Section V (Implementation), identifies a series of priority actions that Prince George's County must take to implement our shared vision for the future. The proposed task force is a critical first step in bringing together key stakeholders to chart a path forward for Plan 2035 implementation.

In July 2019, Planning Board staff began work on the first Five-Year Review of Plan 2035 ("The Review"). In January 2020, the Planning Board staff presented a progress report to the County Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. The review was published in September 2020.

The review established a broad methodology for evaluating the plan, focusing on reporting on the "Indicators of Success." The review included an exercise to link every strategy or policy to one of the indicators, such that one could connect action taken on one of the strategies or policies to the indicator's performance.

The review also contained recommendations for future monitoring and evaluation of Plan 2035, including expanding the number of indicators and developing a methodology to create and monitor a pipeline for residential and commercial development.

Council members should further note that, as part of the research for the review, the Planning Board staff, and partner agencies were interviewed to determine progress against each plan strategy and policy and asked to provide proof to support their responses. These responses helped Planning Board staff categorize each strategy and policy into "Not Started," "Ongoing," "In Progress," or "Completed." A copy of the Planning Department's Five-Year Review of Plan 2035 can be found in the attached link:

https://www.mncppcapps.org/planning/publications/BookDetail.cfm?item_id=383&Category_id=2.

Establishing the task force is an excellent opportunity to evaluate and adjust the vision of Plan Prince George's 2035. The Planning Board supports the creation of this task force and looks forward to assisting the County Council and the task force.

***CB-86-2023** A bill for the purpose of repealing the provision for discretionary waiver, by resolution of the governing body, for compliance with any public safety facilities mitigation requirements within the Subdivision Regulations.*

Planning Board Recommendation: Support with An Amendment.
(See Attachment 2 for full analysis)

CB-86-2023 removes the ability for the County Council to waive any public safety facilities mitigation requirements for police, fire, and rescue adequacy.

The Planning Board notes CB-86-2023 is silent as to potential retroactive application; as such, all prior subdivision development projects that may have been subject to prior waivers are unaffected by this bill. There is no language in CB-86-2023 that discusses the possible repeal of CR-126-2020 and CR-111-2022. If the Council's intent is to repeal those resolutions, this should be clear in CB-86-2023 or in the appropriate mechanism such as a Council Resolution. It is important to note that in not clearly repealing those resolutions, they remain in effect because the provision being removed by CB-86-2023 has already been used to pass and enable those resolutions.

As always, Planning Department staff members are available to work with the Council and your legislative staff on any pertinent legislative matters. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Planning Director at 301-952-3595. Thank you, again, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

Attachments