

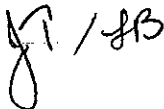


Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: *Planning Board Recommendation for GPA 2015-1*

To: Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chair, District 4
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From: Josh Tzucker, Chair 
Planning Board

Date: April 23, 2015

On April 9, 2015, the Howard County Planning Board held a public hearing to consider General Plan Amendment 2015-1 to *PlanHoward 2030*, as submitted by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

In conjunction with Section 16.900 (i) of the Howard County Code, a 30-day notice of the time and place of the public hearing was posted on the County's website. An agenda, technical staff report and related exhibits were posted on March 26, 2015. The technical staff report includes the proposed map, new text, and new implementing action that together form the content of the general plan amendment.

Pursuant to Policy 2.1 a., DPZ reported to the Planning Board that community outreach was conducted including Howard County's Ethnic Roundtable, Howard County's Commission on Disability Issues, neighboring jurisdictions, environmental groups on record, contacts in the local tourism community, historic preservation stakeholders, homeowners associations registered in Howard County and located within the heritage area boundaries, County departments and agencies involved in *PlanHoward 2030*, the Maryland Heritage Area Authority representative, and the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.

Prior to the Chair opening the public hearing for citizen comment, staff presented an overview of the amendment. The President of Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. spoke in support of the amendment.

Recommendation

Based on the public input and Board member discussion at the public hearing and the work session that immediately followed, on April 9, 2015, the Planning Board recommended for approval, voting 4 to 0.

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