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Minutes (Approved)
Council Legislative Work Session
Monday, June 24, 2013
4:00 p.m.

The County Council convened its legislative work session on June 24, 2013 at 4:40 p.m. in the Banneker Room. All members were present.

The following bills were discussed:

- CB 33-2013, Council member Ball asked for information about maximum barrels manufactured at microbreweries in other Maryland counties.
- CB 34-2013 – Shirelle Bennett from Howard County Housing and Community Development summarized the purpose of CB 34-2013, to promote home ownership among low income residents by using a scale based on income.
- CB 35-2013 – Ms. Bennett said that the purpose of this bill is to expand the MIHU requirement to types of communities not currently having a requirement and to allow alternative means for meeting the MIHU requirement. Discussion of various approaches to using funds derived from the proposed fee-in-lieu of building followed.

The Department will propose amendments to this bill. Dr. Ball expressed interest in a list of how the department would spend the fees. Ms. Watson expressed interest in simplifying the cost to developers by adjusting the formula for the scale semi-annually. Ms. Terrasa asked for an analysis of the effect on receiving communities of allowing the MIHU's to be built off-site.

- CB 86-2013 and 87-2013 – Jeff Bronow of the Department of Planning and Zoning and Joel Gallahue from the Howard County School System summarized the open-closed chart and housing allocation chart, noting that the open-closed chart anticipates the opening of Duckett's Lane School, 2 years of redistricting, and middle school 20 (Oxford Square). Ms. Watson expressed a preference for the Board to try magnet programs to encourage voluntary use of underutilized facilities; Mr. Gallahue said that is the Board of Education's intention.

The Council adjourned the work session at 5:40 p.m.