



# Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved, Revised 9/27)  
Legislative Work Session  
September 23, 2013

Members Present: Jen Terrasa, Chair; Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Courtney Watson

Chair Jen Terrasa called the work session to order in the Banneker Room at 4:35 p.m. on September 23, 2013. She introduced two new members of the Council staff: Margery Sayers, Administrative Assistant, and Kelli Habicht, Administrative Support Technician III.

Member Courtney Watson presented a pin in honor of ten years of service to Howard County to Terry Chaconas, Special Assistant, District 1.

The Chair asked Tom Carbo, Director of Housing and Community Development, to present an overview of the MIHU project proposed in CR 119-2013 and CR 120-2013. Mr. Carbo discussed the importance of getting local approval of the project in October, as the deadline to apply for State funding is at the end of October.

John Randolph, representing developer Ingerman, discussed proposed rents, and introduced Courtney Gallagher, an engineer whom his company consulted concerning traffic and emergency vehicle clearing in the neighboring Village Towns community.

Chief William Goddard, Howard County Fire and Rescue, discussed clearances for emergency vehicles in Village Towns. Marsha McLaughlin, Director of Planning and Zoning, affirmed that the Fire Department had been on the Subdivision Review Committee for many years; however, a sign-off from the department was neither required nor secured.

A discussion followed concerning the width of garages and the prevalence of on-street parking, narrowing passages.

Mr. Carbo presented three proposals to address problems:

- He would provide a parking plan and a proposed 1-way traffic pattern for community streets;
- He would provide for a second access at Old Waterloo Road when phase 4 is constructed;
- The engineer has identified three additional parking places.

David Ramsay, Director of Transportation for the Howard County Public Schools, discussed school bus stops, the times that buses stop at the Village Towns community, and the numbers of children riding those buses. He offered to e-mail the number of children riding from Village Towns condos only.

Several members of the Village Towns community spoke to refute assertions that the parking proposed in the condo development agreements could be made to work or that parking in garages could be enforced. They also emphasized the safety concerns for children residing in a community without adequate space to play.

The work session was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.