



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes (approved) Legislative Work Session October 22, 2012

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Sigaty at 4:37 p.m. in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson.

Council Resolution No. 154-2012 - Introduced by, The Chairperson at the request of Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation - Recognizing Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and providing for certain conditions.

The Members discussed the resolution with Paul Casey, Roy Appletree, Tom Carbo and Jim Vannoy. Mr. Vannoy reviewed the legal sufficiency memorandum from the Office of Law dated September 20, 2012 and the Mr. Carbo reviewed a Memorandum on behalf of the County Executive dated October 15, 2012. Mr. Casey indicated that the Foundation would abide by the agency recommendations as stated in the memoranda. Ms. Sigaty will take the lead in developing appropriate amendments for pre-filing on November 1, 2012.

Council Bill No. 33-2012 (ZRA 141) - Introduced by, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning - Defining certain terms; allowing certain parcels within the R-ED zoning district to both send and receive development density through the Neighborhood Preservation Density Exchange Option; establishing a maximum receiving lot yield; providing certain regulations for sending parcels that contain a historic structure; making certain technical corrections; amending certain setbacks; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

The Members discussed the bill with Marsha McLaughlin and Paul Johnson. Ms. McLaughlin indicated that properties already the subject of MET easements would be removed from the previously provided inventory of sending and receiving properties. There was a discussion of options to reduce sending rights, including limiting the proposal to: County owned historic sites; historic sites open to the public; sites deemed of particular historic significance; historic sites of some minimum size; or establishing a fixed number of sending rights before the program is terminated by a sunset provision. There was also a discussion of whether to permit transfers

between planning areas and whether historic sites should be permitted to receive density. The members requested additional data from DPZ.

The work session was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.