Monroe County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on March 3, 2022, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; Dave Watson, (new) citizen member; George Hebert, County Legislator; Amy Grower, Chief of Staff; Robert Franklin, Director, Finance; Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Mike Garland, Director, Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Don Crumb (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.) Laura Smith (Law Dept.) Kristina Daugherty (Public Safety) Josette Mangieri (Finance) Bill Daly (DES)

Planning Staff Present: Rebecca Caico, Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson

Others Present: Patrick Meredith (Parks), Tom Morrisey (Parks)

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Election of the 2022 Chair & Vice Chairpersons

1) Nominations for Chairperson: Bill Santos. Motion to close nominations made by Mike Wiedemer, seconded by Dave Watson. Motion approved. Andrew Hollister made a motion to approve Bill Santos as the 2022 Chairperson of the MC Planning Board for a term of one (1) year. Dave Watson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

2) Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Mike Wiedemer. Motion to close nominations made by Dave Watson, seconded by Orlando Rivera. Motion approved. Andrew Hollister made a motion to approve Mike Wiedemer as the
2022 Vice Chairperson of the MC Planning Board for a term of one (1) year. Orlando Rivera seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes
George Hebert made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Bob Franklin seconded the motion. Ms. Bell stated that there were two corrections that needed to be made to the minutes: 1) the announcement that Kristina Daugherty, new alternate for the Public Safety Director, Richard Tantalo, had been left out and 2) the Parks Dept. provided a power point presentation on the Amendment to the CIP which they were speaking on; this had also been left out. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

PRESENTATION:
Introduction of the Proposed 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Rochelle Bell, Sr. Associate Planner for the Department of Planning and Development, provided a power point presentation which gave a timeline overview of the CIP process then presented the County Executive’s proposed 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the Board (attached).

Legislator Hebert asked if the CIP uses any ARPA funds. Mr. Franklin stated that none were being used, if any were to be used, it would likely be for the current year’s budget. There was also some discussion regarding inflation, interest rates and debt service.

Approve date of Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 3:00 pm for Public Hearing pursuant to legal notice (screen shared with board to view legal notice).

Rochelle will give a summary on the CIP at the start of the Public Hearing, before department presentations. Mike Wiedemer made a motion to approve the date of March 17, 2022 at 3:00 pm for the Public Hearing. George Hebert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mike Garland, Director of DES, addressed questions about the NWQPWD – Buttonwood / Flynn Rd / Island Cottage Pump Stations Improvements.

Mr. Garland also addressed a question regarding the Monroe Co. Sheriff’s Office jail project stating that they are still going through the planning/concept phase.
Patrick Meredith, Director of Parks, was asked about the change in moving plans out. Mr. Meredith stated that there was a bigger issue at the Warner Castle to deal with and the Sunken Garden.

Mr. Meredith also addressed questions on the status of the Seneca Park Zoo project. In summary, the Tropical Exhibit is being done in two phases. The zoo has the money to get projects going. Mr. Meredith stated that he will be going over cost estimates with Bob Franklin tomorrow (3/4). Everything is “tracking well” for a possible May/June ribbon cutting.

Some Planning Board members stated interest in having MCC and MCH representatives at the next board meeting to talk about their CIP projects.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There will be a public meeting on the County Comprehensive Plan March 30, 2022, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Robach Community Center at Charlotte, and via Zoom. Everyone is encouraged to be involved. According to the County Charter, the Planning Board should review the County Comp. Plan and make a recommendation to the Legislature prior to its September introduction to the Legislature. Chairperson Santos requested that a meeting invitation be sent out to everyone.

Legislator Hebert had attended, via Zoom, the first public meeting on the Comp. Plan held on March 1, 2022. Mr. Hebert expressed concern about the low number of attendees and when in a “breakout” session, he felt that the session was being steered by the consultant as did another Legislator who was in a different breakout session. Ms. Bell suggested that he go to the County website to submit his thoughts/concerns.

Ms. Bell then talked briefly about the Comprehensive Plan and its importance.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** March 17, 2022 at 3:00 pm via Zoom/possibly in person; Public Hearing, Dept. Presentations

Remaining meeting dates in March:

- 24th at 3:00 pm – Dept. Presentations, CIP Votes (possibly in-person)
- 31st at 3:30 pm – Regular Meeting. 

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Franklin made a motion to adjourn, George Hebert seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.