

Taneytown Planning Commission – Comprehensive Plan Update Minutes from October 21, 2025

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on October 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the City Council chambers. Present were Chairman Parker and Commission members Myers, Meade, and Garner. Planning Director Gray and City Manager Wieprecht were also in attendance. This meeting was open to the public, in person.

-Minutes were not reviewed and adopted since the Consultant was not in attendance to answer any questions before adoption.

DELEGATION AND ACTION ITEMS

-Chairman Parker introduced the discussion related to comprehensive plan progress, expectations, and ideas:

The Chair inquired whether the following information was included in the updated *Draft Comprehensive Plan*: Land Use, Smart Growth, Economic Development; Downtown Revitalization, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Parks and Recreation. It was mentioned that comments from the Parks and Recreation Director were not included in the Draft.

Commission Member Myers expressed concern about the general performance of the consultants, to date, including the desire for them to physically visit the city for an in-person Planning Commission meeting. There was also concern about: not completing key-person interviews and including their comments; not wanting a cookie cutter plan; and having a checklist for plan implementation.

Commission Member Meade also mentioned how Maryland's 12 Visions, discussed in the draft plan, were replaced with the 8 Planning Principals during this past year's Legislative Session and how he will review the plan to make sure it includes Council priorities.

Members of the Public mentioned items related to Adequate Public Facilities and cost of infrastructure including water, sewer and city staff.

-The **next Planning Commission - Comprehensive Plan Update** meetings will be held on: November 18, to discuss any changes that need to be made to the plan; on December 16, the Planning Commission will have a discussion with the consultant; then on January 20, 2026, the Planning Commission expects public input. All Planning Commission – Comprehensive Plan Update meetings are at 6:30 P.M.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM following unanimous approval of a motion by Commission member Myers, seconded by Commission Member Garner.

Submitted by:
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