



CRU Task Force AGENDA

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6 PM

I. **Welcome and Roll Call**

Al Nickerson	Buck Nickerson	Joe Hickman	Sam Shoge
Bill Norris	Chikki Shajwani	Kim Kohl	Tom Mason
Bill Sutton	Cindy Genter	Pat Langenfelder	Tyler Brown
Bryan Greenwood	Jim Saunders	Paul Ruge	

II. **Approval of the Summary** for the Task Force Meeting on May 12, 2021

III. **Purpose and Ground Rules**

- A. Everyone is encouraged to share ideas openly and freely.
- B. There are no right or wrong inputs for discussion purposes.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. Task Force Request # 13: Review streamlining the Cottage Industry process
- B. Task Force Request # 18: Review timelines for various processes/deadlines

V. **New Business** [A. was postponed; B. was tabled; C., D., E., and F. are new]

- A. Review of Public Request # 4: *Revised* request to create new floating zones to allow for (a) planned mixed-use development; (b) planned neighborhoods, including specific criteria for such designations, as well as (c) to combine the Commercial and Employment Center districts and (d) to allow residential uses in the newly combined district ([See Employment Center, Article V, Section 14, starting on p. 235 and Commercial, Article V, Section 11, starting on p. 187](#))

- B. Review of Public Request # 5: Request to allow *truck stops, truck parking lots, gas sales, convenience stores and restaurants with or without drive-through* in the Industrial district ([See Article V, Section 15, starting on p. 253](#))

Break – 15 minutes

- C. Review of Task Force Request # 3. Review landscaping to reduce the required number of trees [for example, one business site was required to have 185 trees and bushes on a 1.3-acre site] ([Landscaping standards are found in the Specific Design Standards of each district with the exception of AZD and RCD. In Rural Character, Rural Residential, Critical Area Residential, and Community Residential the landscaping requirements are limited to street trees in new subdivisions. In Village, Intense Village, Crossroads Commercial, Commercial, and Commercial Critical Area, there are standards for General Landscaping, Parking Areas, and Perimeters. In Marine, Employment Center, Industrial, and Industrial Critical Area – LDA, there are standards for General Landscaping and Screening. The standards are based on percentages of lot area and not number of trees.](#))
- D. Review of Task Force Request # 7. Review setbacks along roadways, so the County, State or utilities do not have to maintain vegetation planted along rights-of-way. ([The County requires 50-foot rights-of-way mostly comprised of pavement and stormwater measures like swales. Rights-of-way are addressed under specific design standards in most zoning districts, for example, in AZD on page 24.](#))
- E. Review of Staff-recommended Consideration # 2: Consider re-evaluating 25-foot setbacks for recreational uses such as pools in Village ([p. 113, Article VI, Section 7.4.8](#))
- F. Review of Staff-recommended Consideration # 3: Consider clarifying how accessory structures can be located in front yards ([definition of front yard; see various yard definitions and yard area drawing, pp. 480.1 - 480.2](#))

VI. Public Comments

VII. **Task Force Comments**

VIII. **Requests for Research by Task Force Members for the Department Team**

IX. **Readings for Next Meeting suggested for Task Force Members – 2017 Economic Development Plan – posted online [here](#) .**

X. **Adjournment**



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Bill Mackey, AICP, Director, Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning
400 High Street, Suite 130; Chestertown, MD 21620

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