



CRU Task Force AGENDA

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6 PM

Members of the public may participate by telephone conference call via Teams.

Dial 1-872-239-8359 and enter Conference ID 235 644 018 #

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MISSION STATEMENT: *We value our land, our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our diverse, rural community. Kent County's history, its location, and the land itself enrich our lives and our lifestyles every day. The CRU Task Force's mission is to preserve the best of Kent County, Maryland, including prime farmland, local culture, and its small businesses, while supporting opportunities for expanding into new economies, via innovative and thoughtful changes to the County's zoning regulations that simplify regulatory processes and add new uses.*

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 July 14, 2021.

III. **Purpose:** Fair and Open Discussion on Proposed Text Amendments

Outcome: Staff to summarize Task Force positions in Meeting Summary

Ground Rules

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

Norms

- Participants speak ‘through the chair’. This means raising your hand if you want to speak, and waiting for the Chair to call on you.
- Don’t interrupt other people.
- Don’t talk/debate amongst yourselves.
- Respect other's views.
- Keep contributions short and to the point.
- Start and end on time.
- If online or on the phone: have your video ON and mute ON. Wait for the Chair to call your name before you unmute.

IV. Old Business

- A. Review the Results of the Task Force Member Questionnaire
- B. Review of a proposed Schedule for Task Force Conversations
- C. Review of S1 (accessory dwelling units to the Village zoning district)
- D. Review of S9 (demolition process as it relates to age of structure)
- E. Review of S13 (overall approach to short-term vacation rentals)

V. New Business

- A. Review of P7: Request to review lot coverage standards and other Critical Area provisions, lot line adjustments on parcels under 5 acres, and wastewater treatment

Public Comment

- B. Review of P10: Request for modified buffer in RCD for campgrounds, as defined in § 2.2 (18) – (allows for zoning to address Modified Buffer for one use; a State-approved buffer change will still be required to allow this, and a process to request a Modified Buffer would need to be adopted in order for any request to proceed)

Public Comment

Break – 10 minutes

- C. Review of TF9: Review elimination of the County’s maximum pier length of 150 feet. [In order to construct a pier, first one must apply to the MDE and Army Corps for a license. This application must be reviewed and approved by seven State and Federal agencies including Army Corps of Engineers, MDE, DNR, MHT, US Fisheries, US Fish & Wildlife, before the license is granted. Then it must go under County review at the local level.] ([See for example, Article V, Section 2.4.B.7 – private piers. Also, see definitions](#))

Public Comment

- D. Review of S14: Consider discussing climate change, resilience, and the floodplain regulations by potentially requiring Base Flood Elevation plus three feet for new projects

Public Comment

VI. Task Force Comments

VII. Adjournment



*Please note a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners
may be present at any meeting.*



Special Announcement Regarding Meeting Attendance

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Members of the public who would like to **attend the meeting in-person** are encouraged to register in advance by contacting Bill Mackey at 410-778-7423, ext. 9 (voice/relay), or by email at compzone@kentgov.org. The location is in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 400 High Street in Chestertown, MD.

Members of the public who wish to **participate via video in the Teams meeting** also need to register in advance by texting their name, street address for the record, and email address to 410-708-4063. Although not required, members of the public who wish to participate in the Teams meeting are encouraged to download the free app for Microsoft Teams, in order to improve their experience of the presentation. Prior to the meeting, a link to join Teams will be emailed to those who registered.

Members of the public may **call in with comments by phone** when the Chair opens the floor for comments. To participate via phone only (without video) via Microsoft Teams:

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To submit written comments in advance of the meeting, please email your comments to compzone@kentgov.org or mail your comments to:

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

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Thank you for your participation!