



CRU Task Force AGENDA

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 6 PM

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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	Ray Strong
Bill Norris	Chikki Shajwani	Kim Kohl	Sam Shoge
Bill Sutton	Cindy Genter	Pat Langenfelder	Tom Mason
Bryan Greenwood	Jim Saunders	Paul Ruge	Tyler Brown

II. **Approval of the Summary** for the Task Force Meeting on May 25, 2022

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.

Note: It is requested that Section VII be taken first, so the consultant may present first.

IV. Old Business from March 30

- A. Presentation of proposed new graphics for individual zoning districts
- B. **Discussion to revisit the topic of consolidation of limited zoning districts –**
The Task Force requested that this item be taken up again at its July meeting.
- C. Discussion of Task Force Schedule

V. Old Business from May 25

- A. Review of Request to amend the Forest Conservation provisions of the Land Use Ordinance (Article VI. Special Provisions, Section 8. Forest Conservation, beginning on page 373 of the current Land Use Ordinance under Part 8 [here](#))
- B. Review of Request to revise Marine zoning district provisions (Article V. District Regulations, Section 13. Marine District, beginning on page 219 under Part 4 and Article VII. Special Exceptions, beginning on page 413 under Part 9 [here](#))
- C. Review of Request to the parking regulations for parking maximums instead of parking minimums (Article VI. Special Provisions, Section 1. Parking and Loading Requirements, beginning on page 309 under Part 6 [here](#))

- D. Review of Request to amend setbacks in the Village District for agricultural uses on Village zoned land (Article V. District Regulations, Section 7. Village District, beginning on page 109 under Part 3 [here](#))
- E. Review of Request to amend setbacks in the Village District for accessory structures in the front yard to be closer to the street than the house and to allow for small farms within Village District (Article V. District Regulations, Section 7. Village District, beginning on page 109 under Part 3 [here](#))

VI. **New Business (items from the Agenda of May 25, 2022, which were not discussed)**

- A. Request to review the concept and permitted use of an enclave in AZD as it relates to the 10% rule (Article V. District Regulations, Section 1. Agriculture Zoning District, beginning on page 18 under Part 1 [here](#))
- B. Review of Request to consider a general noise ordinance in the zoning code

VII. **New Business**

- A. Review of proposed Sign Code regulations by ZoneCo
- B. Review of proposed Nonconformities Chapter by ZoneCo

VIII. **Task Force Comments**

IX. **Adjournment**

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

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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!