

Planning and Major Development Committee

The purpose of the Planning and Major Development Committee is to inform and empower the members of the Eastport Civic Association (ECA) to better understand and address the nature and impact of current and future major development in Eastport. This Committee will communicate with the City's Department of Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Department and other City agencies, citizens of Eastport, developers, relevant experts, advocacy groups and business owners regarding the scope, nature and impact of major development projects. As part of its activities the Committee may review and comment on existing and future infrastructure (e.g. roads, traffic, schools, open space) in Eastport and possible effects of current, proposed and possible development on the adequacy of such infrastructure in the future. The Committee will work with other ECA committees in this effort.

The Planning and Major Development Committee shall:

Carry out the ECA's responsibility as the designated Ward 8 community association to facilitate public forums, form task groups and otherwise disseminate information about proposed large developments so that a broad and diverse community of Eastport residents can obtain information, ask questions, and give input to the developers and the City early in the City's planning process. The Committee will get updates as the City's review process results in any changes to the plans, and will facilitate residents' ability to address issues. The Committee will encourage collaboration among stakeholders so that problems and potential solution strategies can be clearly and accurately identified.

Monitor existing large developments that are already in the P&Z review pipeline, or are under construction, in order to keep Eastport residents advised about those projects. The Committee would monitor infrastructure and planning issues that apply to the ECA catchment area across Eastport neighborhoods in Wards 6 and 8.

Endeavor to ensure that all major development is consistent with existing zoning Codes for the City of Annapolis and compliant with the transportation, character and environmental objectives of the Annapolis Comprehensive Plan and approved Sector Studies.

Communicate directly with citizens, developers, advocacy groups, business owners and City agencies to identify specific areas of concern regarding a major development. The committee will work to facilitate a fully transparent exchange of information, support useful collaborative efforts to maximize citizen input, and suggest mechanisms to resolve disputes from the inception through all phases of a major development application. The committee shall have the ability to form stakeholder task groups to more specifically study and report on specific concerns that affect the broader Eastport community as a result of major development.

The committee shall regularly report on its activities and/or recommendations to the ECA board of Directors. The committee's written findings and/or recommendations shall be coordinated through the ECA President, who shall share them with the ECA Board of Directors. The committee shall then transmit any of its findings and/or recommendations through the ECA President to P&Z staff or other appropriate City agencies or elected officials in writing. From time-to-time, the committee shall prepare materials for the ECA newsletter and the website to keep members abreast of development plans and outcomes when appropriate.

The committee shall consist of a chairman and at least four other members of ECA in good standing.