# Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2016 Conference

# October 27 - 28, 2016, Final Program Agenda

# Thursday, October 27

11 am Registration

12:30 pm Planning Commissioners Training Course

3 pm Planning at Work in Frederick Session- Learn how

the combined communities of Frederick County have excelled in their planning and economic development

efforts. A panel discussion.

4:30 pm Frederick City Historic Tour with Beer & Wine

**Tasting** – Jack Spinnler, Historic Tour Guide, Frederick County Historic Society & Museum

6 pm MPCA Board meeting

7 pm Cocktail reception sponsored by The Holiday Inn



# Friday, October 28

7:30 am Registration7:30 am Breakfast

8 am Conference Opening

Jan Gardner – Frederick County Executive
Randy McClement – Mayor, City of Frederick

#### 9:15 am Concurrent Sessions 1

A Legalized Marijuana – Growth and Sales: Can Your Code Handle It?

Speaker: Philip Hager, Director, Carroll County Department of Planning

B Nuts & Bolts A: Ex Parte Communications and The Open Meetings Act –

**Don't Get Caught in Violation** 

Speakers: Sharon K. Suarez, AICP, Frederick County Planning Commissioner

10:30 am Break

#### 10:45 am Concurrent Sessions 2

A Free Help in Developing Your Comprehensive Plan from The APA

Speaker: Pat Haddon, AICP, President, Maryland Chapter of the American

Planning Association

B Nuts & Bolts B: How to Make a Motion and The Steps of a Development

Application

Speaker: Robert McGrory

## 12:15 pm Luncheon & Annual Meeting

**Keynote speaker**: The Honorable Wendi W. Peters, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning

**MPCA Annual Meeting/Election of Officers** 

## 1:45 pm Combined Session 1

Maryland Department of the Environment – What's New That Will Affect Your Jurisdiction

Speaker: The Honorable Benjamin H. Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment

2:45 pm Break

### 3 pm Combined Session 2

Panel Discussion – The Future of Utilities and Their Effect On Your Planning and Code Decisions

Speakers: Robert S. Stewart, Manager, Smart Grid and Technology, PHI; Rebecca Rush, Managing Member, DERP Technologies, LLC; Harry Benson, Director of Development, Everpower Wind Holdings

Moderated by Peter Conrad, AICP, Manager Local Assistance and Training, Maryland Department of Planning

## 4:15 pm Conference Ends

