Takoma Park Ethics Commission Minutes for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:45pm: (On-Line Zoom Meeting)

Attendees: Commissioners Mule, Hahn, Lezaja, Murphy, Cochran, Samburg, and Jessee Carpenter, City Clerk.

Agenda items: 1. Call to order at 6:48pm.

2. We had some discussion about the nature of the meeting which had originally been scheduled as a working meeting, but Jessee indicated she did want minutes to be taken, and the last minutes (1/24/23) which had been distributed to all in January by Commissioner Mule, were accepted, (Murphy motion, Cochran second) with minor edits.

3. We were informed of and welcomed a new member, Mark Samburg, of ward 1, who is scheduled to be sworn in on 3/1/23.

4. We discussed the Maryland State Open Meeting Certification website, which is now available and two persons indicated they would be seeking that in the coming month.

5. Commissioner Cochran moved to address the Financial Forms for City Council Members and Candidates for Elected office. All agreed. It was decided that the access to the forms for the purpose of our discussions and editing should be done via the Google Drive, or, via printed paper copies, as each wished. Eventually we moved to shared screen mode which prevailed throughout the meeting.

6. Commissioner Mule volunteered to be the editor for this remaining working session. Several formatting, wording changes or additional clarifications for questions were thoughtfully made, critiqued, and decided upon. This occupied the remaining session of our meeting. After editing and completing page 5 of the Form, we moved and agreed to end our session at 8:38pm, looking forward to continuing our work during our next scheduled meeting at 6:45pm on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Patricia Anne Murphy, for the Commission