

City of Takoma Park
Façade Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Members Present: Anne Fothergill, Lucy Moore, Eric Sepler, Malcolm Williams

Members Absent: Nicholas Corcoran, Bobbi Kittner, Lorraine Pearsall,

Staff Present: Roz Grigsby

Alternate: Jim DiLuigi (absent)

Guests: Mayor Kate Stewart

1. Call to Order

2. Committee Review

Mayor Kate Stewart discussed the Council priority to review the Council-appointed committees. A working group of two Council members and staff formed last year to develop an overview of existing committees and members. A survey was conducted last fall of current committee members and members who had served within the past two years, which provided demographic data about committee members. The Council wants to look at ways to increase the diversity of the committees to better reflect the City. The draft recommendations, which she had emailed to the Board a few weeks ago, include ways of standardizing some of the committee processes so that committees can function better and the City provide more support to committees and do better recruitment. Mayor Stewart encouraged the Board to give Council feedback on the draft recommendations in September.

Board members discussed the purpose of the Board, and the possibility of expanding their work beyond the commercial historic district to consider advising businesses in the Crossroads or other areas of town. Lucy Moore suggested a subcommittee to look at the code, the by-laws, the design guidelines and the County code and volunteered to work on it. Staff will send information and links to the Board members to start looking at details.

3. Board Elections

The Board re-elected the current officers for another one-year term: Malcolm Williams as chair and Lorraine Pearsall as co-chair.

4. The meeting adjourned.