



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 19, 2017 Agenda Item 2A

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing Appointments to the Commemoration Commission

Recommended Council Action

Adopt Resolution reappointing Jessica Kessler, Jane Yamaykin, and Diana Kohn to the Commemoration Commission.

Context with Key Issues

The Commemoration Commission was established by the City Council to document, maintain, and preserve past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommend to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic, or civic life of the City as a whole or to a neighborhood/local area as well as programs for individuals to honor others.

The Commission is comprised of five to nine voting members who must be Takoma Park residents, and four non-voting members. There are five vacancies for voting members. Two voting members have terms that expired on March 31, 2017. The non-voting representative of Historic Takoma, Inc. is also serving a term that expired on March 31. All three have applied for reappointment.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

The purpose of the City's Commemoration Commission is to document, maintain, and preserve past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City.

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We do not believe this action will adversely affect or disproportionately impact any particular group. However, there is a lack of diversity on this committee. Council and Staff should seek out opportunities to recruit people of color to serve on all boards, commissions, and committees.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Commemoration Commission
- [Commemoration Commission web page](#)
- *Takoma Park Code*, [Chapter 2.16 Commemoration Commission](#)

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2017-

**PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS
TO THE COMMEMORATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Commemoration Commission in November 2014 to document, maintain, and preserve past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommend to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic, or civic life of the City as a whole or to a neighborhood/local area as well as programs for individuals to honor others; implement such programs within its scope and budget; and decide on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is comprised of up to nine but not less than five resident voting members who shall be residents of the City of Takoma Park, and four non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, voting members and representative members are appointed by the City Council to staggered three-year terms but no member may serve more than two consecutive full terms; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Kessler (Ward 2) and Jane Yamaykin (Ward 6) have applied for reappointment as voting members to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Diana Kohn (Ward 3) has applied for reappointment as a non-voting member to the Commission, representing Historic Takoma, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City Council has found Jessica Kessler, Jane Yamaykin, and Diana Kohn to be a qualified candidates for continued service on the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are reappointed to the Commemoration Commission for three-year terms to expire on March 31, 2020.

Jessica Kessler	Ward 2	Voting Member
Jane Yamaykin	Ward 6	Voting Member
Diana Kohn, Historic Takoma, Inc.	Ward 3	Non-voting Representative Member

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk