



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 17, 2017 Agenda Item 5C

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Grants Review Committee

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt resolution as a part of the Consent Agenda

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Grants Review Committee serves in an official advisory role to the City Council, providing recommendations on the award of grant funds available through the City's Community Grants program. Up to nine residents, with demonstrated expertise in community development, grants management, public arts, or related areas of interest, may serve on the Committee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

There are currently five (5) vacancies on the Committee. Ms. Nadine Bloch (Ward 3) and Mr. Jay Keller (Ward 3) have applied for re-appointment to the Committee as their terms expired on April 30. Ms. Rachel Branaman, a resident of Ward 6, has applied for appointment.

Currently serving on the Committee are Elizabeth Boyd (Ward 6), Gary Cardillo (Ward 2), Lesley Perry (Ward 2), and Norka Ruiz Bravo (Ward 2).

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

N/A

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Impact of Action**

With the addition of the three individuals listed above, 86% (6 of 7) of committee members are white and 14% (1 of 7) of members are Hispanic. To mitigate the possible impact of racial bias in the selection process, the Committee uses an objective tool (i.e., a Scoring Rubric) in its evaluation of applicants. In addition, staff will work with Council to identify residents to fill the remaining two (2) vacancies who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of Takoma Park, and who are residents of Wards not currently represented on the Committee.

### **Attachments and Links**

Draft Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Grants Review Committee

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2017-  
PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Grants Review Committee is responsible for evaluating applications and providing funding recommendations for the Takoma Park Community Grants program; and

WHEREAS, up to nine Takoma Park residents with demonstrated expertise in community development, grants management, public arts, or related areas of interest may serve on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, there are currently five vacancies on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nadine Bloch and Mr. Jay Keller have applied for re-appointment to the Committee as their terms expired on April 30; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park resident Ms. Rachel Branaman (Ward 6) has applied for appointment to the Committee.

WHEREAS, the City Council has found each of the applicants to be an appropriate candidate for the Grants Review Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Grants Review Committee for the terms indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Nadine Bloch	3	April 30, 2020
Rachel Branaman	6	April 30, 2020
Jay Keller	3	April 30, 2020

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2017.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk