



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 6, 2018 Agenda Item 2B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Commemoration Commission

Recommended Council Action

Adopt resolution reappointing Howard Kohn, Dick O'Connor, and Bruce R. Williams 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, Dick O'Connor and Bruce R. Williams, have terms that expired on March 31, 2018. The non-voting representative of the Recreation Committee, Howard Kohn, is also serving a term that expired on March 31. All three have applied for reappointment.

Also serving on the Commission as voting members are Jessica Kessler (Ward 2) and Jane Yamaykin (Ward 6). Diana Kohn (Ward 3) serves as the non-voting member representing Historic Takoma, Inc.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Action

Currently, 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 2018-
PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS
TO THE COMMEMORATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Commemoration Commission 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, Bruce Williams (Ward 3) and Dick O'Connor (Ward 1) have applied for reappointment to the Commission as voting members; and

WHEREAS, Howard Kohn (Ward 3) has applied for reappointment as a non-voting member of the Commission, representing the Recreation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found all three to be qualified 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, 2021:

Dick O'Connor	Ward 1	Voting Member
Bruce R. Williams	Ward 3	Voting Member
Howard Kohn	Ward 3	Recreation Committee Representative

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk