



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 26, 2018 Agenda Item 5B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Takoma Park Ethics Commission

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park Ethics Commission is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council. The responsibilities of the Commission are: (1) to devise, receive and maintain all forms generated by the Ethics Ordinance; (2) to provide advisory opinions to persons subject to the Ordinance; (3) to hear and decide any inquiry or complaint regarding an alleged violation of the Ethics Ordinance; (4) to conduct a public information program regarding the purposes and application of the Ordinance; (5) to recommend legislative changes and improvements to the Ordinance; and (6) to promulgate regulations to accompany the Ordinance.

Commissioners are appointed to staggered two-year terms. Current members are: Arthur Gary (Ward 6), Ellen Maidman-Tanner (Ward 2), Patricia Anne Murphy (Ward 2), and Michael W. Richards (Ward 1). There are three vacancies on the Commission. The terms of Arthur Gary, Patricia Anne Murphy, and Michael Richards will expire on September 30, 2018. The term of Ellen Maidman-Tanner expired in 2017 but the expiration was overlooked and no action was taken.

Arthur Gary, Patricia Anne Murphy, and Ellen Maidman-Tanner have applied for reappointment. The applications were provided to the City Council for review.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Racial Equity Considerations

Currently, there is a lack of diversity on this commission. 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

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2018-
PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS
TO THE TAKOMA PARK ETHICS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.04 Ethics, of the Takoma Park Code, sets out the purpose and duties of the Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Commission is composed of up to seven Takoma Park residents appointed by the City Council to staggered two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, there are three vacancies on the Commission and four members are serving terms that will expire on September 30 or have already expired; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Gary, Patricia Anne Murphy, and Ellen Maidman-Tanner have applied for reappointment; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the applications and found all three applicants to be qualified candidates for continued service on the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are hereby reappointed to serve on the Takoma Park Ethics Commission:

Name	Ward	Term Expiration
Arthur Gary	6	September 30, 2020
Patricia Anne Murphy	2	September 30, 2020
Ellen Maidman-Tanner	2	September 30, 2019

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk