

Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 28, 2018 Agenda Item 9D

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the Commemoration Commission

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

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. Currently serving on the Commission as voting members are Richard O'Connor (Ward 1), Bruce R. Williams (Ward 3), and Jessica Kessler (Ward 2). Frederick Schultz (Ward 6) has applied to serve. The Council has reviewed his application and considers Mr. Schultz to be a qualified candidate for service on the Commemoration Commission.

Non-voting representative members serving on the Commission are Howard Kohn (Ward 3), representing the Recreation Committee, and Diana Kohn (Ward 3), who represents 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 an Appointment to the Commemoration Commission
- <u>Commemoration Commission web page</u>
- 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, Frederick Schultz (Ward 6) has applied for appointment to the Commission as a voting member; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has found Frederick Schultz to be a qualified candidate for service on the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Frederick Schultz is appointed to the Commemoration Commission for a term to expire on March 31, 2022.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC City Clerk