



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

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the Safe Roadways Committee

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council re-established the Safe Roadways Committee in 2012 to serve in an official advisory and coordination role to the City Council on all matters related to transportation, including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services. The Committee is to have up to 11 residents appointed to two-year staggered terms. Members may not serve more than six years continuously.

Due to changes in Committee leadership and declining membership, the Committee has been inactive in the past year. The two remaining members, Frank Demarais (Ward 5) and Michael Moore (Ward 6) have expressed a willingness to work with the Council to consider how best to structure the Committee to make it sustainable and able to continue to fulfill its advisory role.

Ms. Jessica Landman (Ward 1) has applied to serve on the Committee and has expressed interest in participating in the discussions about reorganizing it.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government - Improve and formalize systems for Council-appointed committees

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Racial Equity Considerations

Given the task ahead of rethinking the goals and direction of this Committee and the fact that one current member of the Committee is currently participating in the What's My Bias workshops, the City Council urges the Committee to consider how it will apply a racial equity lens to the Committee's work in the future and looks forward to working with the current members.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the Safe Roadways Committee

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2018-
PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to the goal of creating a sustainable, pedestrian-friendly and walkable community; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Roadways Committee was re-established by Ordinance 2012-38 to serve in an official advisory and coordination role to the City Council on all matters related to transportation, including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is to be composed of up to 11 residents appointed to staggered two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Roadways Committee has been inactive for the past year due to changes in leadership and declining membership; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members have expressed a willingness to work with the Council to consider how best to structure the Committee to make it sustainable and able to fulfill its advisory role; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Landman, Ward 1 resident, has applied to serve on the Committee and has indicated her interest in participating in discussions about reorganizing it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Jessica Landman, a resident of Ward 1, is hereby appointed to the Safe Roadways Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2018

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk