



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 18, 2019 Agenda Item 7H

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the Facade Advisory Board

Recommended Council Action

Approve Resolution

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park Facade Ordinance provides for the establishment of a seven-member Facade Advisory Board (FAB). The Board's primary function is to serve as an advisory body to the City Council and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission; to provide input on regulated building projects in the Old Town and Takoma Junction commercial areas; and to provide technical assistance and support to affected commercial property owners.

The makeup of the Board is prescribed by the Ordinance. At least two Board members must be architects, planners, and/or historians. At least two members must own a building or business in the Takoma Old Town and Takoma Junction. One seat is set aside for a representative of Historic Takoma, Inc. for a one-year term. Board members, with the exception of the Historic Takoma representative and alternate, can serve for a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. The following individuals currently serve on the committee: Nicholas Corcoran (Ward 2), Anne Fothergill (Ward 3), Lucy Moore (Ward 3), Eric Sepler (Ward 6), Malcolm Williams (Ward 6), and Historic Takoma appointees Lorraine Pearsall (Ward 1) and James DiLuigi (Ward 6 - Historic Takoma alternate).

Bobbi Kittner (Ward 3), a business owner and commercial property owner, has applied for appointment to the Facade Advisory Board.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive, Service-oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

No fiscal impact.

Racial Equity Consideration

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

- Resolution Providing for Appointment to the Facade Advisory Board
<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/facade-advisory-board/>

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-XX

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Takoma Park Facade Ordinance in 1999, requiring the review of certain building improvements occurring within the Old Town and Takoma Junction commercial districts; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, as amended, provides for the establishment of a Facade Advisory Board whose primary responsibility is the implementation of the Takoma Park Facade Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, membership of the Facade Advisory Board consists of seven individuals, at least two of which must be architects, planners, and/or historians, at least two of which must own a building or business in the Takoma Old Town and Takoma Junction area, and one of which is to serve as the representative of Historic Takoma, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bobbi Kittner, a Takoma Park resident of Ward 3, has applied for appointment to the Facade Advisory Board, which currently has a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Council has found this individual to be appropriate candidates to serve on the Facade Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Ms. Bobbi Kittner is appointed to serve on the Facade Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2023.

Adopted this XXth day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk