

Takoma Park City Council Meeting – March 11, 2020 Agenda Item 3B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda) Appointment to the Parking Management Task Force

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park City Council has established a Parking Management Task Force to advise the Council and facilitate community input on the management of parking issues in Takoma Park. The scope of work of the Task Force is to review the parking situation in the City, consider policy proposals for parking management, engage community participation in the process, and advise Council on possible next steps.

The Task Force has been meeting since January and expects to complete its work in 2020. Since it was established, one resident has resigned

Paul Huebner, Ward 3 resident, has applied for appointment to the Task Force.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life.

Environmental Considerations

The City's sustainability goals include encouraging and promoting the use of transit and active transportation that reduces dependency on automobiles for traveling to and through Takoma Park. The City devotes 4.5 acres to parking spaces in the Residential Parking Permit zones alone. Parking takes some public space that could be allotted to other uses that would advance the City's sustainability goals, such as bike lanes, expanded pedestrian space, bio-retention facilities and better public amenities.

Fiscal Considerations

The City's existing on-street parking programs entail various costs associated with administration, maintenance, and enforcement, including staff time, vehicles, and various contracts. Meanwhile, residential parking permit fees, meter fees, and tickets for violations generate revenue for the City.

Racial Equity Considerations

The City's current parking policies, particularly the residential parking permit zones, expose existing inequities in terms of access to on-street parking. Such issues will be reviewed as policy changes are considered.

Attachments and Links

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CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2020-

APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKING MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

- WHEREAS, the City Council established the Parking Management Task Force to advise the Council and facilitate community input on the development of a City-wide Parking Management Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Task Force will review the parking situation in the City, consider policy proposals for parking management, engage community participation in the process, and advise Council on possible next steps; and
- WHEREAS, the Task Force will be dissolved once its work is completed; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council appointed the Task Force in November 2019; and
- WHEREAS, since that time, a Ward 3 resident member of the Task Force has resigned; and
- WHEREAS, Paul Huebner, resident of Ward 3, has applied to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Paul Huebner, resident of Ward 3, is hereby appointed to serve on the Parking Management Task Force.

Adopted this _____ day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC City Clerk