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Council- Appointed Committees 5th Update

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Goals for Tonight's Discussion

- Recap progress to date: committees review, administrative changes, appointment process
- Discuss appointment and recruitment process
- Consider allowing for more time by extending current committee members to Oct. 15



Key Recommendations: Quasi Judicial & Regulatory Committees

Retain 5 groups

- Board of Elections (BOE)
- COLTA
- Ethics Commission
- Police Pension Board
- Tree Commission

Discontinue two groups

- Personnel Appeals Board
- Façade Advisory Board

Reconsider one group within broader context

- Noise Control Board



Key Recommendations: Standing Committees

Retain 5 groups

- Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC)
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Grants Review Committee
- Recreation Committee (rename)
- Youth Council

Restructure 1 group

- Committee on the Environment (reconstitute in future as Sustainable MD Green Team)

Phase out 3 groups (seek group input)

- Complete Safe Streets (consider future Vision Zero task force)
- Commemoration Commission
- Nuclear Free Committee



Administrative Changes

- Common standing committee purposes
- Common membership structure, terms, bylaws
 - 7-9 members
 - Two 3-year terms
 - Limited exceptions where appropriate as discussed previously
 - Work with committees on minor Code changes as needed
- Improved member orientation and training
- Code of conduct
- Annual Council review of committee structure



Recruitment and Appointments

Goal: more diverse, productive committee members representing many segments of our community

- Common application, semiannual recruitment & appointments
- Criteria for member selection
- Intensive outreach
- Member supports



Recruitment and Appointments

- Outreach approach:
 - City newsletter, social media, listservs
 - Social media ads
 - Flyers in multiple languages
 - Council outreach
 - Outreach to community & school groups, multi-family buildings
 - Possible Committee recruiting “fair”
- Member supports: address barriers to recruitment (relevancy, logistics)
 - Low hanging fruit: remote participation, moving meeting locations & times, SSL hours
 - Set aside a modest amount for stipends, childcare, transport, translation, other supports, on request, and promote this in recruitment
 - In-person childcare and some other ideas not practical right now, explore them for next round



Change In Overall Timeline to the Fall

- Extend current members to **Oct. 15** (from June 30)
- Allows time for recruitment, applications, review and appointments
- Requires an ordinance
- City clerk has notified individual members of this possibility
- Includes provision for individual appointments if needed for a committee's function
- Start recruitment this summer
- Bulk of recruitment in Sept., with early Oct. appointments



Thank you!!!!

Please let us know if you have any questions about the ideas outlined in this presentation!

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