



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – March 24, 2021 Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Briefing on Minor Master Plan Process and Memorandum of Agreement between Montgomery Planning and the City of Takoma Park

Recommended Council Action

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Context with Key Issues

In partnership with the City of Takoma Park, Montgomery Planning is undertaking a Minor Master Plan Amendment (Plan) to update portions of the 2000 *Takoma Park Master Plan* to re-envision critical resources within the City and the surrounding community. Montgomery County Planning Director, Gwen Wright, Planning Chief, DownCounty Planning, Elza Hisel-McCoy and Area 1 Master Planner/Supervisor Leslye Howerton will discuss their process for a Minor Master Plan amendment, including race equity considerations and community engagement.

The focus of the presentation will be on the Minor Master Plan process. While the boundary of the area to be studied will be set as part of the process, the general location covers the property of Washington Adventist University, the campus of the former Washington Adventist Hospital and properties along Maple Avenue up to about Philadelphia Avenue. City of Takoma Park staff had identified issues and opportunities in this area. The research and community discussions that are part of a Minor Master Plan process may identify approaches that could better serve residents and property owners in the immediate area and throughout the community.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

Not applicable for this presentation; however, any improvements or redevelopment that may occur as a result of a Minor Master Plan would be evaluated on their environmental impacts and opportunities to address climate change.

Fiscal Considerations

Not applicable for this presentation; however, the costs of the planning process will be largely borne by the Montgomery County Planning Department. Any improvements or redevelopment will have positive and negative fiscal impacts to be considered.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Montgomery County Racial Equity and Social Justice Act, which the County Council signed into law in December 2019 to actively address racial disparities within the county, requires the Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice impacts when preparing a Master Plan. Therefore, all Plan process elements will be implemented with the lens of equity. The City of Takoma Park will be adhering to the City's racial equity goals during the process of planning and in evaluating the recommendations and provisions of the Minor Master Plan.

Attachments and Links

None.