



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 20, 2021 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolutions Providing for Appointments to Boards and Committees:

Board of Elections; Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs; Ethics Commission; Tree Commission; Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (Reappointments Only); Noise Control Board (Reappointments Only)

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

In June 2021 the Council extended existing committee appointments to October 15, to allow time to implement improvements to the city system of committees along with related code changes, and also to take a fresh approach to recruit and appoint members as a group. This fresh approach has employed multiple outreach methods and targeted promotion to particular resident groups. Applications were accepted through October 8 for nine commissions, boards and standing advisory committees.

A City Council subgroup (Councilmembers Dyballa, Kostiuk, and Seamens) undertook a review of applications received and made recommendations at the work session on October 13. Guidelines for review of applications included:

- Residency and other individual committee requirements
- Expression of interest
- Technical expertise and/or lived experience
- Organization and community affiliation
- Diversity and inclusion - age, race/ ethnicity, gender, ward diversity
- Contributions to the group - skills, lived experience, teamwork and/or perspective

With a few modifications from the oral report out at the work session on October 13, the recommended appointees are included on the resolutions to be considered on October 20.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government: Improve and Formalize Systems for Council-Appointed Committees.

Goal: Improve and formalize systems for Council-appointed committees.

Strategy: Review existing structure, appointment processes, and practices for Council-appointed committees, and make changes to increase efficiency and effectiveness and attract new members; explore innovative ways to engage residents who tend to be harder to reach.

Desired outcome: Diverse, engaged, productive, and rewarding committee membership.

Environmental Considerations

There is no direct environmental impact from the appointment of residents to Council-appointed committees. A Council action related to the Green Team or other committees focused on climate-change or sustainability initiatives could have a positive or negative impact on environmental initiatives in the future, depending on final direction in this area and the future work of the committee.

Fiscal Considerations

Members of City Council-appointed boards, commissions, committees and task forces are to receive \$40 per meeting attended.

Racial Equity Considerations

Existing Council-appointed committees do not generally reflect the diversity of the population of Takoma Park, as shown by the survey of committee members and data collected. A fresh approach to recruitment and appointment that is underway this month, as well as planned improvements in training, operations and support of committees and members, are all intended to create and support more diverse and representative Council-appointed committees and to bolster their capacity to apply racial equity considerations in all their committee work. Members are expected to comply with a Council-adopted code of conduct for committee members (Resolution 2020-22, October 7, 2020) in part to address equity issues. Reducing the number of standing committees and broadening the City's approaches to resident engagement will also help address equity. While the applications received show some improvement in diversity overall, improvement is limited and there is more work to be done.

Attachments and Links

- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Board of Elections
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Ethics Commission
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Tree Commission
- Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
- Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Noise Control Board

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TAKOMA PARK
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Board of Elections is established in Chapter 5.24 of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Board of Elections members are appointed to three-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for appointments to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Board of Elections for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Tim Anderegg | Ward 6 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Curtis Antonucci | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Ben Bellows | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | Matthew Ling | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 5. | Margaret Morehouse | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |

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| 6. | Trevor Parry-Giles | Ward 5 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |
| 7. | Angel Tabe | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Board of Elections membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS
TO THE COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS**

- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) is established in Chapter 6.24 of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and
- WHEREAS, COLTA is empowered to adjudicate complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations, to rule on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance in accordance with Chapter 6.20, Rent Stabilization, and to decide appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission is to consist of at least seven, but no more than 12, members appointed by the Council. The Council shall make every effort to ensure that the Commission has representation from landlords, tenants and homeowners; and
- WHEREAS, in order to stagger terms, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and
- WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and
- WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for appointments to the full Council; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs for the terms indicated:

1. Carolin Bermudez Ward 2 Term Expires: June 30, 2022

2.	Chad Boggen	Ward 1	Term Expires: June 30, 2022
3.	Juliana Chenue	Ward 6	Term Expires: June 30, 2022
4.	Mark Dusseau	Ward 5	Term Expires: June 30, 2023
5.	Scott Gilmore	Ward 5	Term Expires: June 30, 2023
6.	Sawa Kamara	Ward 5	Term Expires: June 30, 2023
7.	Karen Krueger	Ward 2	Term Expires: June 30, 2024
8.	Michael Macko	Ward 3	Term Expires: June 30, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COLTA membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Ethics Commission is established in Chapter 3.04, Section 3.04.050 et seq. of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Commission is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ethics Commission members are appointed to three-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for appointments to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Ethics Commission for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Jess Bravin | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Keli Cochran | Ward 6 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | David Hahn | Ward 6 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | Daniel Katz | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 5. | Michael Lezaja | Ward 1 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |
| 6. | Michael Mule | Ward 6 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |

7. Patricia Anne Murphy Ward 2 Term Expires: June 30, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ethics Commission membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ethics Commissioners can only be removed by the Council for cause, which includes neglect of duty, misconduct in office, a disability rendering the member unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or a violation of Chapter 3.04 Ethics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission is established in Chapter 12.04, Section 12.04.030 et seq. of the Takoma Park Code to preserve, protect, and promote the urban forest of the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals of tree permit decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Tree Commission members are appointed to three-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for appointments to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Tree Commission for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Maipo Martin | Ward 2 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Paul O'Brien | Ward 4 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Bart Sheard | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | Xavier Sparrow | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |

- 5. Gorky Villa Ward 2 Term Expires: June 30, 2024
- 6. James Woodworth Ward 2 Term Expires: June 30, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Tree Commission membership is subject to all provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE
NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Noise Control Board is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 8 of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and

WHEREAS, Committee is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the members will end on June 30, 2022, and half of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered two-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and

WHEREAS, the Council did not recruit for new members of the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, but asked for reappointment applications from current members willing to continue during the Council's consideration of whether to continue the Committee; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for reappointments to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are reappointed to the Noise Control Board for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Julie Boddy | Ward 1 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Paul Gunter | Ward 1 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 3. | Jay Levy | Ward 1 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.16 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE TAKOMA PARK
NOISE CONTROL BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Noise Control Board is established in Chapter 14.12, Section 14.12.140 et seq. if the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board is composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Noise Control Board members are appointed to three-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to reimagine City boards and committees, the City Council amended City Code sections related to boards and committees and conducted a member recruitment that began in August 2021 and ended on October 8; and

WHEREAS, the Council did not recruit for new members of the Noise Control Board, but asked for reappointment applications from current members willing to continue during the Council's consideration of the effort to reimagine public safety and decision on whether to continue the Board; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for reappointments to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are reappointed to the Noise Control Board for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Ashley Flory | Ward 1 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Anne Perrault | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |

3. Clifford Schwartz Ward 2 Term Expires: June 30, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Noise Control Board membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk