



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 3, 2021 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolutions Providing for Appointments to Boards and Committees:

Arts and Humanities Committee; Emergency Preparedness Committee; Grants Review Committee; Recreation and Community Engagement Committee; Sustainable Maryland Committee; Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments

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 standing commissions, boards and advisory committees.

The Council also established and recruited for a temporary Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments with two goals: 1) Define and identify steps to implement sustainable banking and investment policies that fulfill both the City's nuclear-free and climate change goals; and 2) Review and recommend updates to the implementation specifics of the nuclear-free ordinance, to best fulfill the purposes of the ordinance and to coordinate with the City's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and other priorities.

A City Council subgroup (Councilmembers Dyballa, Kostiuik, and Seamens) undertook a review of applications received and made recommendations at the work session on October 20. 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

The recommended appointees are included on the resolutions to be considered on November 3.

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 Arts and Humanities Committee
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Grants Review Committee
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
- Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Sustainable Maryland Committee
- Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Committee is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 2 of the Takoma Park Code and its duties and responsibilities are listed therein; and

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

WHEREAS, Arts and Humanities Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the Committee's 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, 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 Arts and Humanities Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Lottie Doughty | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 2. | Dale Ingram | Ward 6 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 3. | Bethany Karn | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 4. | Melanie Modlin | Ward 6 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 5. | Thomas Parlon | Ward 4 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |

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| 6. | Dayrelis Rios | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 7. | Leslie Sapp | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 8. | Ramon Sola | Ward 4 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 9. | John Warren | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Arts and Humanities 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 November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Preparedness Committee is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 4 of the Takoma Park Code and its duties and responsibilities are listed therein; and

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

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the Committee's 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, 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 Emergency Preparedness Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Chris Beck | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 2. | Mandi Booth | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Dianne Cherry | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | Jim Della-Giacoma | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 5. | Ami Gadhia | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |

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| 6. | Troy Jacobs | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 7. | Emily Marshall | Ward 4 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 8. | Kathleen Quinn | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 9. | Claudine Schweber | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Emergency Preparedness 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 November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Grants Review Committee is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 6 of the Takoma Park Code and its duties and responsibilities are listed therein; and

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

WHEREAS, Grants Review Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the Committee's 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, 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 Grants Review Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Nadine Bloch | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Keli Cochran | Ward 6 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Nicole Ferraiolo | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 4. | Lucy Moore | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 5. | Susan Rosenblum | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |

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| 6. | Mike Schoenke | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 7. | Jim Sebastian | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 8. | Derek Shiau | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 9. | Mark Swartz | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Grants Review 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 November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Community Engagement Committee is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 5 of the Takoma Park Code and its duties and responsibilities are listed therein; and

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

WHEREAS, Recreation and Community Engagement Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the Committee's 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, 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 Recreation and Community Engagement Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Michael Asrat | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 2. | Mackenzie Brown | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 3. | Shana Fulcher | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | Jay Keller | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 5. | Ellen Marcus | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |

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| 6. | Cherwanda Oliver | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 7. | Rachna Rikhye | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 8. | Jill Saletta | Ward 6 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 9. | John Worley | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Recreation and Community Engagement 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 November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Maryland Committee is established in Chapter 2.16, Article 3 of the Takoma Park Code and its duties and responsibilities are listed therein; and

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

WHEREAS, Sustainable Maryland Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, however, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for half of the Committee's 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, 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 Sustainable Maryland Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Megan Andargie | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 2. | Chiara Atoyebi | Ward 6 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Brittany Baker | Ward 5 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 4. | David Bend | Ward 1 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 5. | Parag Khandhar | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |

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| 6. | Janet Owens | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 7. | Diana Picon Manyari | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |
| 8. | Orissa Samaroo | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2022 |
| 9. | Sophia Yarrow | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2023 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Sustainable Maryland 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 November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE
TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABLE BANKING AND INVESTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments was established by Resolution 2021-31; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Task Force are as follows:

1. Define and identify steps to implement sustainable banking and investment policies that fulfill both the City's nuclear-free and climate change goals, including:
 - a. review the City's policy statements and the recommendations of the Nuclear Free Committee and the Committee on the Environment,
 - b. build on previous staff efforts and consultant advice,
 - c. explore best practices and actions taken by other communities,
 - d. define "sustainable" investments and identify specific city financial functions to be included, and
 - e. work with city staff and consultants to recommend to Council the specific next steps on implementing these policies.
2. Review and recommend updates to the implementation specifics of the nuclear-free ordinance, to best fulfill the purposes of the ordinance and to coordinate with the city's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and other priorities, including:
 - a. clarify how the ordinance should apply to City uses and impacts of nuclear generated electric power as well as nuclear weapons,
 - b. update specific tasks and assignments in the ordinance,
 - c. consider specific tasks assigned to the Nuclear Free Committee, such as review of existing City contracts, awards, purchase orders; annual list of nuclear weapons producers; recommendations on transport of high-level nuclear waste; research on waivers of purchasing requirements; and outreach, and education on nuclear weapons issues; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is to consider the potential impacts of changes to city banking and investment policies, including positive and negative impacts on climate change, health, safety, housing affordability, racial equity, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is to consist of up to nine City residents to the extent possible with a mix of expertise and skills in municipal finance, banking and investment; environmental, energy and nuclear free sustainability; public education and outreach; and related public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is encouraged to invite subject matter experts to present information or provide advice if needed in developing its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council advertised the opportunity to apply to serve on the Task Force in the Takoma Park Newsletter and through other venues; 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 Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments:

1. Michael Ashford Ward 2
2. David Bend Ward 1
3. Amber Cameron Ward 4
4. Rachel Fredman Lyngaas Ward 2
5. William Girardo Ward 2
6. Leslie Hunter Ward 2
7. Jay Levy Ward 1
8. Christine Pendzich Ward 2
9. Victor Thuronyi Ward 1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT membership on the Task Force is subject to applicable provisions of Chapter 2.16 of the Takoma Park Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Task Force shall report back to the City Council by February 28, 2022; and

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

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk