



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 27, 2022 Agenda Item 8E

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Emergency Preparedness Committee

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council initiated a fresh approach to recruit and appoint members of boards and committees in 2021. Applications are open and accepted twice each year.

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

The recommended appointees are included on the resolution.

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 eligible to receive \$40 per meeting attended.

Racial Equity Considerations

Council-appointed committees have not generally reflected the diversity of the population of Takoma Park. A fresh approach to recruitment and appointment began in the second half of 2021, as well as

planned improvements in training, operations and support of committees and members. All are 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. More work is still to be done.

Attachments and Links

- Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Emergency Preparedness Committee

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2022-

**PROVIDING FOR REAPPOINTMENTS 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, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and made recommendations for reappointments at the work session on July 13 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 Emergency Preparedness Committee for the terms indicated:

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| 1. | Mandi Booth | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 2. | Jim Della-Giacoma | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 3. | Kathleen Quinn | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 4. | Claudine Schweber | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |

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 20th day of July, 2022.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk