



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – August 2, 2023 Agenda Item 5B-5I

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Resolutions Providing for Appointments and/or Reappointments to:

- 5B. Arts and Humanities Committee
- 5C. Board of Elections
- 5D. Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
- 5E. Emergency Preparedness Committee
- 5F. Grants Review Committee
- 5G. Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
- 5H. Sustainable Maryland Committee
- 5I. Tree Commission

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolutions as part of the consent agenda.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City received 27 applications for reappointment and 11 applications for appointment to City boards and committees during this semi-annual recruitment. A City Council subgroup (Councilmembers Dyballa, Fulcher, and Honzak) reviewed applications by a standard set of criteria. These include:

- 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 subgroup presented its appointment recommendations to the City Council at the work session on July 19. These recommendations include not making certain appointments to specific committees. A future City Council meeting will focus on adopting any code changes needed to implement Council decisions on these groups.

### **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**

Resolutions Providing for Appointments and/or Reappointments to the Arts and Humanities Committee, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Grants Review Committee, Recreation and Community Engagement Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, and Tree Commission

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Arts and Humanities Committee with terms to expire as indicated:

Appointments:

Joshua Vickery	Non-resident	Term Expires June 30, 2024
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Reappointments:

Jose Luis Diaz	Ward 2	Term Expires June 30, 2025
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Rick Henry	Ward 3	Term Expires June 30, 2025
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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 2nd day of August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC

City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Board of Elections with terms to expire as indicated:

Reappointments:

Ben Bellows	Ward 3	Term Expires: June 30, 2026
Matthew Ling	Ward 2	Term Expires: June 30, 2026
Joseph Goldman	Ward 1	Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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, 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, COLTA members are appointed to three-year terms unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; 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:

Reappointments:

Scott Gilmore	Ward 5	Term Expiration: June 30, 2026
Michale Shands	Ward 3	Term Expiration: June 30, 2026
Samuel Bryson	Ward 3	Term Expiration: June 30, 2026
Jeffrey Hopkins	Ward 3	Term Expiration: June 30, 2026

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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; 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:

Appointments:

Benjamin Glickstein	Ward 1	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Claire Huson	Ward 2	Term Expires June 30, 2025

Reappointments:

Chris Beck	Ward 2	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Dianne Cherry	Ward 5	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Frank Disimino	Ward 4	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 \_\_\_ day of August, 2023.



Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; 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:

Reappointments:

Lucy Moore	Ward 3	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Mike Schoenke	Ward 3	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Jim Sebastian	Ward 1	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Mark Swartz	Ward 1	Term Expires June 30, 2025
Louise Klees-Wallace	Ward 5	Term Expires June 30, 2025

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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; 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:

Appointments:

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| 1. | Alan Kahn     | Ward 4 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 2. | Thomas Radman | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |

Reappointments:

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| 3. | Michael Asrat   | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 4. | Mackenzie Brown | Ward 3 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |
| 5. | Ellen Marcus    | Ward 2 | Term Expires June 30, 2025 |

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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**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 unless appointments are to fill an unexpired vacant term; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; 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:

Appointments:

Emanuel Wagner	Ward 2	Term Expires June 30, 2025
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Jeremy Schwartz	Ward 3	Term Expires June 30, 2025
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Reappointments:

Diana Picon Manyari	Ward 3	Term Expires June 30, 2025
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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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-**

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT  
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 composed of up to seven members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and presented recommendations for appointments at the work session on July 19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Xavier Sparrow (Ward 3 resident) is reappointed to the Tree Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

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 August, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk