



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 6, 2023

Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Committee Appointment Recommendations

Recommended Council Action

Receive the recommendations from the Council subgroup on committees

Context with Key Issues

Applicants for City boards and committees are first reviewed by a City Council subgroup. The subgroup provides its recommendations to the full Council for consideration. At the work session on September 6, the subgroup will recommend youth for appointment to the Youth Council and will recommend one youth member for appointment to the Sustainable Maryland Committee.

The Takoma Park Youth Council was established by the City Council: 1) to provide an opportunity for the youth of Takoma Park to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system; 2) to help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth; and, 3) to serve the youth of Takoma Park.

The 11 members of the Youth Council must be residents of Takoma Park in grades 7-12. They are appointed to one-year terms and are eligible to apply for reappointment. The term of the Youth Council will end on July 31, 2023. Members of the Youth Council must remain residents of the City; attend meetings on a regular basis and inform the Youth Council of absences prior to meetings; maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average for the current school year; fulfill the responsibilities of the office held; and, set an example for youth in the community.

The Sustainable Maryland Committee was established to provide recommendations to the City Council that will allow the City to achieve sustainability and other environmental certifications that may help the City meet its environmental goals.

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

Committee members, including Youth Council members, are eligible for stipends. If eligible, they have the option to receive Student Service Learning hours instead of a stipend.

Racial Equity Considerations

To encourage a diverse pool of residents to apply, the City Council actively recruits and seeks to appoint members from traditionally underrepresented Wards 4, 5, and 6.

Demographic breakdown of applicants for the Youth Council:

There were 17 applicants for 11 positions. Six applicants are requesting to return from last year.

High school students: 13; Middle school students: 4
Race and ethnicity: black/African American 8; mixed 3; biracial Asian 2; white 4.
Ward 1 (1); Ward 2 (2); Ward 3 (8); Ward 4 (3); Ward 5 (2); Ward 6 (1).

Attachments and Links

- [Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 7](#)