



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 13, 2023 Agenda Item 2B

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolutions Providing for a Reappointment to the Sustainable Maryland Committee

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

Context with Key Issues

The City received a late application for reappointment to the Sustainable Maryland Committee from Sophia Yarrow, a youth member. A City Council subgroup (Councilmembers Dyballa, Fulcher, and Honzak) considered the request and recommends approval of the reappointment.

The subgroup presented its appointment recommendation to the City Council at the work session on September 6.

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 a Reappointment to the Sustainable Maryland Committee

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2023-

**PROVIDING FOR A REAPPOINTMENT 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, Sophia Yarrow, a youth member of the Committee, missed the opportunity to apply for reappointment and has requested a late reappointment in order to continue serving; and

WHEREAS, the committee subgroup of three City Councilmembers considered the request and recommends reappointment at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual is reappointed to the Sustainable Maryland Committee for the term indicated:

Reappointment:

Sophia Yarrow

Ward 2

Term Expires June 30, 2025

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 September, 2023.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk