



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 10, 2024 Agenda Item 7

### Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Resolutions Providing for Appointments/Reappointments to Boards and Committees:

- A. Arts and Humanities Committee
- B. Board of Elections
- C. Emergency Preparedness Committee
- D. Ethics Commission
- E. Grants Review Committee
- F. Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
- G. Sustainable Maryland Committee (Green Team)
- H. Tree Commission

### Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolutions as part of the consent agenda.

### Context with Key Issues

The City received 11 new applications and 21 reappointment applications for 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 1, 2024.

### 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.

**Attachments and Links**

Member Rosters with Term Expirations (June 30, 2024)

Resolutions Providing for Appointments and Reappointments to City Boards and Committees

**MEMBER ROSTERS WITH TERM EXPIRATIONS (July 1, 2024)**

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE (no vacancies, but there is one applicant)**

Jose Luis Diaz	2	2025
Taylor Johnson	N/R	2024
Linette Lander	6	2024
John W. Warren	5	2024
Joshua Vickery	1	2024
Catherine Goode	N/R	2024
Theodore Carter	2	2025
Rickey Anderson	6	2025
Susan Comfort	2	2025

Recommended Arts and Humanities Committee Reappointments:

- Taylor Johnson (NR)
- Linette Lander (Ward 6)
- John Warren (Ward 5)
- Joshua Vickery (Ward 1)
- Catherine Goode (NR)

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS (one vacancy)**

Tim Anderegg	6	2025
Ben Bellows	3	2026
Matt Ling	2	2026
Angel Tabe	2	2024 (not applying for reappointment)
Joseph Goldman	1	2026
Charles Nolan	3	2025
Gregory Lebel	1	2024

Recommended Board of Elections Reappointments:

- Gregory Lebel (Ward 1)

**COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS (three vacancies; tenants needed)**

Ivie Baker	5	2025	Tenant
Scott Gilmore	5	2026	Landlord
(Laura) Suzanne Gordon	6	2024	Tenant (will not be reapplying)
Pamela Houedjissi	NR	2024	Property Manager (7513 Maple)
Michale Shands	3	2026	Tenant
Antoaneta Tileva	4	2025	Homeowner
Samuel Bryson	3	2026	Homeowner
Jeffrey Hopkins	3	2026	Landlord
Faith Ogonna	4	2024	Tenant
Tom Gagliardo	1	2025	Homeowner
Vacancy		2025	
Vacancy		2027	

## Recommended COLTA Reappointments:

- Pamela Houedjissi (NR), Property Manager Edinburgh House
- Faith Ogonna (Ward 4), Tenant

## Recommended COLTA Appointment:

- Felts Jacobs (Ward 6), Tenant

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (one vacancy)**

Chris Beck	2	2025
Dianne Cherry	5	2025
Jim Della-Giacoma	2	2024
Kathleen Quinn	2	2024
Claudine Schweber	3	2024
Frank Disimino	4	2025
Benjamin Glickstein	1	2025
Claire Huson	2	2025
Vacant		2024

## Recommended Reappointments:

- Jim Della-Giacoma (Ward 2)
- Kathleen Quinn (Ward 2)
- Claudine Schweber (Ward 2)

## Recommended EPC Appointment:

- Roger McGary (Ward 1)

**ETHICS COMMISSION (three vacancies)**

Michael Lezaja	1	2024
Michael Mulé	6	2024 (not applying for reappointment)
Patricia Anne Murphy	2	2024
Mark Samburg	1	2025
Michael Miller	1	2026
vacant		2025
vacant		2026

## Recommended Reappointments:

- Patricia Anne Murphy (Ward 2)
- Michael Lezaja, (Ward 1)

## Recommended Appointment:

- Adrienne Freeman (Ward 5)

**GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (three vacancies)**

Nadine Bloch	3	2024
Lucy Moore	3	2025
Mike Schoenke	3	2025
Jim Sebastian	1	2025
Mark Swartz	1	2025
Louise Klees-Wallace	5	2025
Damaris Wanjiku	5	2024 (will not be applying for reappointment)
Vacant		2024
Vacant		2024

## Recommended Reappointment:

- Nadine Bloch (Ward 3)

## Recommended Appointment

- Sarah Michael (Ward 1)
- Cara Tallo (Ward 2)

**TREE COMMISSION (two vacancies)**

Long Do	3	2025
Meipo Martin	2	2025
Paul O'Brien	4	2025
Xavier Sparrow	3	2026
James Woodworth	2	2024
Vacant		2024
Vacant		2026

## Recommended Reappointment:

- James Woodworth (Ward 2)

## Recommended Appointment:

- Paul Donowitz (Ward 2)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (four vacancies)**

Michael Asrat	2	2025
Mackenzie Brown	3	2025
Ellen Marcus	2	2025 (resigned 6/12/2024)
Rachna Rikhye	1	2024
Jon Worley	2	2024 (will not be reapplying for appointment)
Alan Kahn	4	2025
Ken Simler	1	2024
vacant		2024
vacant		2025

Recommended Reappointments:

- Rachna Rikhye (Ward 1)
- Ken Simler (Ward 1)

**SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND COMMITTEE (GREEN TEAM) (2 vacancies)**

Chiara Atoyebi	6	2024
Janet Owens	3	2024
Orissa Samaroo	2	2024
Sophia Yarrow	2	2025
Emanuel Wagner	2	2025
Jeremy Schwartz	3	2025
Melissa Klein	2	2024
Vacant		2025
Vacant		2025

Recommended Reappointments:

- Chiara Atoyebi (Ward 6)
- Janet Owens (Ward 3)
- Orissa Samaroo (Ward 2)
- Melissa Klein (Ward 2)

Recommended Appointments:

- Ian Reichardt (Ward 3)
- Raquel Pichardo (Ward 4)