

Introduced by: Councilmember Daniels-Cohen

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CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-38

AMENDING THE TAKOMA PARK CODE, CHAPTER 2.16, ARTICLE 5, SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER 2.16, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 2.16.010(C) TO REFLECT THE REVISED TERM OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to the goal of creating a sustainable, pedestrian-friendly and walkable community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to work in partnership with the community and City staff to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Roadways Committee was established to serve in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to re-establish the Safe Roadways Committee and refine its purposes, structure, duties, and responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT:

SECTION 1. Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 5, Safe Roadways Committee is amended as follows:

Article 5. Safe Roadways Committee

2.16.100 Committee Established.

There is established a Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee which shall serve in an official advisory and coordination role to the City Council on all matters related to transportation.

2.16.110 Statement of Purpose.

The purpose of the Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee shall be as follows:

A. To advise the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues~~problems~~, and transit services.

B. To encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit.

2.16.120 Committee Membership, Terms of Office, Structure, and Staffing.

A. Membership. The Committee consists of up to 11 persons to be appointed by the City Council. ~~One member shall represent the Takoma Park Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee. The Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee shall select from among its membership for consideration by the City Council, 2 representatives, one of whom may be appointed to serve as a voting member of the Safe Roadways Committee, the other to serve as an alternate. Every efforts shall be is made to have representation from each of the 6 City's Wwards. Members may serve for no more than six years continuously.~~

B. Terms of Office. Committee members shall serve staggered ~~23~~ year terms with initial appointments of one ~~and two, 2 and 3~~ years. ~~The Takoma Park Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee appointee, and alternate, shall serve a one-year term.~~ All terms shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th. Midterm vacancies shall be filled to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

C. Structure.

1. The Committee shall organize ~~and adopt bylaws and rules of procedure, necessary to accomplish its purposes, and elect from its members co-chairs, a Chairperson and other officers as it shall deem necessary. Officers shall serve for a period of one year. Elections for officers shall be held annually.~~

2. The Committee shall meet ~~at least quarterly or as often as required to fulfill its responsibilities.~~

3. All meetings are open to the public and are subject to the Maryland Open Meetings ~~Act~~ Law. Meeting notices and agendas are prepared and submitted to the City Clerk and posted in advance of any Committee meeting in accordance with State law. Written records of Committee proceedings are maintained. A report on the activities of the Committee ~~shall be~~ submitted to the Council at least once a year.

4. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business~~The Committee shall not meet unless a majority of the members are present.~~

5. ~~The Committee, individually or as a whole, may lobby or provide comments or recommendations on behalf of the Committee to entities other than the Council, only to the extent that they are consistent with established policies of the city or as authorized through formal action of the City Council. This does not preclude committee members from presenting their views as individuals.~~

D. Staffing. The City Manager or his or her designee shall provide appropriate staff support to the Committee on an as needed basis when requested, but staff shall not be permanently assigned to the Committee.

E. The Committee shall conform to other provisions of Article 1 of this Chapter as may be amended from time to time.

2.16.130 Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee.

The Committee shall advise and assist the Council with respect to developing and implementing policies to increase transportation safety and accessibility in Takoma Park, especially for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. In furtherance of these duties, the Committee ~~Commission~~ shall attempt to accomplish the following:

A. Assist the Council in the development of policies and programming that address the transportation concerns of the community. ~~Develop a Transportation Strategy for consideration and adoption by the Council. This Strategy shall guide the City's efforts on transportation issues and is updated every 2 years.~~

B. ~~Assist as directed by the Council~~ in prioritizing transportation-related projects ~~in the development of policies and programming that address the transportation concerns of the community.~~

C. Collaborate with programs and organizations and with other City task forces and committees that may, at any time, be involved in matters relating to Takoma Park roadways, transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists. ~~Assist the Council in prioritizing transportation related projects.~~

D. ~~Keep abreast of what other communities are doing to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety and increase transit use.~~

E.—Prepare an annual report to the Council on the activities of the Committee and provide additional briefings as required.

SECTION 2. Article 1, Section 2.16.010 Membership of Statutory Council-Appointed Committees, is amended as follows:

Article 1. General Provisions

2.16.010 Membership of Statutory Council-Appointed Committees.

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Committee	Term Length (Years)	Expiration
Safe Roadways Committee	<u>32</u>	June 30

ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2012 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Williams, Daniels-Cohen, Grimes, Male, Schultz, Seamens, Smith
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Notes:

* * * Denotes text in the City Code that remains unchanged but is not repeated in the ordinance.

Text deleted from the Code is shown by ~~strike through~~. Additions are shown by underlining.