

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2010-40**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE TAKOMA JUNCTION TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Council did, by Resolution 2009-22 on May 18, 2009, adopt a Strategic Plan for FY 2010 – FY 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan envisions Takoma Park as a sustainable and livable community, with an engaged, responsive and service-oriented government; and

WHEREAS, identified within the Strategic Plan as a priority project is the creation of a redevelopment plan for Takoma Junction; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that this project can best be achieved by working in partnership with residents, community organizations, non profits, the business community and other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, an informal working group of Takoma Park residents, business representatives, and Councilmembers met on five occasions in the winter and spring of 2010 to discuss Takoma Junction revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the working group has recommended Council appointment of a Task Force to investigate and make recommendations relating to Takoma Junction concerns with a view toward promoting near, medium, and long term junction improvements; and

WHEREAS, the working group articulated concerns regarding:

- 1) Disposition of the city lots, commercial and residential,
- 2) Repairing traffic and pedestrian dysfunction,
- 3) Business and economic revitalization,
- 4) Parking,
- 5) Quality of life or livability; and

WHEREAS, the working group recommended mechanisms to include significant outreach to encourage community involvement in discussions; and

WHEREAS, the Council, wishing to draw upon the broad range of expertise and interest within the Takoma Park community, supports the establishment of a task force to identify opportunities for the creation of a safe, attractive, environmentally and economically viable and sustainable Takoma Junction and the preparation of a roadmap for achieving its vision.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT a Takoma Junction Task Force be established to create a work plan for the revitalization of Takoma Junction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Task Force will consist of a diversity of persons representing a variety of interests in the revitalization of the Takoma Junction and surrounding neighborhoods.

BE IT RESOLVED the Task Force shall consist of between seven and 21 members, appointed by the City Council for the duration of the existence of the Task Force.

BE IT RESOLVED that the primary purpose of the Task Force will be to:

- a) evaluate current conditions in Takoma Junction and identify opportunities for the redevelopment and revitalization of the area;
- b) develop an outreach plan designed to solicit comment on future redevelopment proposals, increase awareness of available incentive programs and engage the community in revitalization initiatives that may be undertaken by the City and others; and
- c) create work plans with recommended near and long term actions for Council consideration that addresses the community's interest in I improving existing traffic patterns; resolving pedestrian safety concerns; increasing public use of public spaces; providing for the redevelopment of city-owned properties; enhancing the physical appearance and condition of properties; and increasing the economic viability of area businesses.

BE IT RESOLVED the City Manager shall designate one or more staff members to assist the Task Force in its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force will provide periodic updates to the Council with the final report on its findings and recommendations presented to the Council on or before September 30, 2011 at which time the Task Force will be dissolved unless otherwise extended by the Council.

Adopted this 12th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk