



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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DATE: June 13, 2008  
TO: Montgomery County Planning Board  
FROM: A. Daniel Hertz, SilverPlace Project Manager  
VIA: Michael F. Riley, Deputy Director of Parks  
SUBJECT: SilverPlace – Charrette Findings

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**A) STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is a report of the findings of the SilverPlace design charrette held June 3 – 7, 2008. During the Roundtable session, staff will: (1) brief the Board on the outcome of the design charrette; and (2) outline the next steps of the SilverPlace project. Staff seeks no action at this time.

**B) BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with the Development Services Agreement between M-NCPPC and the principals of SilverPlace, LLC authorized by the Planning Board on April 17, 2008, SilverPlace, LLC, with the oversight of Commission staff, engaged a team of highly experienced professionals to organize and conduct a charrette for the design of the Commission's property at Georgia Avenue and Spring Street in Silver Spring, MD. The purpose of the charrette was to bring all stakeholders together to reach consensus on a design concept that meets the goals and objectives the Commission for the use of the Montgomery Regional Office site.

Over the course of the charrette, the design team of Torti Gallas and Partners, Smith Group, and Michael Vergason Landscape Architects, and more than 100 people collaborated in designing a plan that accomplished the purposes of the charrette. The findings of the charrette, a day-by-day synopsis of the charrette activities, and a wealth of supporting material may be found at <http://www.silverplaceworkshop.com/index.html>.

### **C) NEXT STEPS**

Staff will brief the Planning Board about the charrette process and its findings at a Roundtable session on June 19, 2008.

In July 2008, staff will present a more detailed design package to the Board for review. The design package will incorporate initial pricing and financial information. The July presentation will include a public hearing for any residents or stakeholders who wish to be heard on the results of the charrette or other aspects of the project.

The design team will work through the summer to add definition and technical detail to the plan that emerged during the course of the charrette.

In September 2008, staff and SilverPlace LLC will: (1) refine the design package pursuant to the results of the Board's review; and (2) supplement the design package with financial data in sufficient detail to enable the Commission to seek from the Montgomery County Council an appropriation of funds to complete the design of the public portion of the SilverPlace project and to construct it ("Construction Appropriation"). In September 2008, staff will seek the Board's approval of the design package and seek authorization to request the Construction Appropriation.