



Appointment of the Advisory Group for the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study



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Recommendation

Appoint Advisory Group members to work with Planning Department staff on the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study.

Background

On December 6, 2018 the Planning Board reviewed and approved a Scope of Work for the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study. Forming an Advisory Group was one of the outreach strategies outlined in the Scope of Work.

The Advisory Group will meet monthly from January through July 2019 to provide advice to staff planners as they develop a working draft of the Study and then present recommendations to community members, the Planning Board and the County Council.

Community Advisory Group

The Planning Department initiated the application process for Advisory Group members on December 5, 2018 and concluded it on January 7, 2019. The application process was established to identify community members in and around Aspen Hill who share a commitment to improve safety for people who walk, bike, take transit, and drive in this area. Applicants were asked to complete an application with questions related to their home and work trips, membership in other civic and community organizations, how often they walk, bike or take transit, why they want to serve on the Advisory Group and what they think they can contribute (see Attachment). Planning Department staff have selected a group of individuals who represent a variety of interest groups with diverse perspectives. Staff thoroughly reviewed the applications and recommend the following applicants for membership on the Advisory Group:

Name	Affiliations
Adriana Hochberg	Rock Creek Valley PTA, Rockville Community Nursery School Board, Walk Maryland Day Planning Committee, Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update technical advisory group, America Walks' Walking College Fellow
Charlie Crawford	Capital Area Guide Dog Users Inc. (President); American Council of the Blind of Maryland (Past President); Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Board of WMATA; Equal Rights Center (Board Member); Montgomery County Commission of Persons with Disabilities (Past Co-Chair); Council of Governments Access for All Committee

Name	Affiliations
Elliot Chabot	Bel Pre Recreational Association (President); Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee (Chairman); Banor Housing Board (President); Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association (Board Member); Friends of the Aspen Hill Library (Board Member)
Joan Beerweiler	Aspen Hill Civic Association (Board Member); Aspen Hill Homeowners Group (Founder); Aspen Hill Community Organization (President)
Josephine Rios-Davis	Aspen Hill Civic Association (Board Member); Traffic & Streets Committee for the Aspen Hill Civic Association; Rock Creek Valley Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA); Montgomery County Council of PTAs; Maryland, State, Council of PTAs; National Council of PTAs; Friends of the Library of Aspen Hill; National American Library Association; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Montgomery County Chapter, NAACP; Montgomery County, Parents' Council, NAACP
Kristy Daphnis	Montgomery County Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (Chair); Wheaton Hills Civic Association (Founding Member, Executive Committee); No More Dead Pedestrians Coalition for Wheaton/Glenmont/Aspen Hill (Founder); County Executive Marc Elrich Transition Team (Contributor to the "Safe Neighborhoods" Workgroup); Montgomery County Council of PTAs (Delegate; Member of Safe Routes to School & Safe Bus Stops Ad Hoc Committee); Highland Elementary PTA (Executive Committee); Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital (Troop Leader, Troop 2317)
Leo Wagner	Rockville High School Senior; East Rockville Civic Association; Ride On Transit Advisory Group
Mel Tull	Northgate Plaza Shopping Center (property owner)
Monica Reyes	Aspen Hill Civic Association (Board Member); Aspen Hill Homeowners Group; Aspen Hill Community Organization
Paul Howey	Church of Christ at Manor Woods (Elder); American Planning Association
Rita Deng	Healthy Montgomery
Stephanie Tsacoumis	Potomac Pedalers Touring Club (Executive Committee Member)
Sunil Dasgupta	Montgomery County Council of PTAs; Local PTAs; Aspen Hill Civic Association; University of Maryland, Baltimore County Political Science program at the Universities at Shady Grove (Program Director)

Montgomery Planning Seeks Community Members for Advisory Group to Guide the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study

Applications for advisory group members are due on January 7

The [Montgomery County Planning Department](#) seeks members of the community to participate in its [Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study](#) Advisory Group. The study is focused on identifying existing barriers to safety and exploring ways to improve conditions in the Aspen Hill area. It will result in recommended strategies to make major intersections safer for all road users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study will identify strategies to:

- Enhance connectivity by improving safety for all road users.
- Explore solutions to reduce speeds and conflicts on the road.
- Establish direct, safe connections to transit, community facilities and other destinations.
- Examine the potential for redevelopment of commercial shopping centers.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will appoint between community members to represent Aspen Hill residents and a variety of interest groups. Members will be selected through an application process to ensure the Advisory Group represents diverse perspectives.

The advisory group will meet approximately once per month from January 2019 to July 2019 to provide advice and feedback to Montgomery Planning staff members as they develop a working draft of the Aspen Hill Vision Zero study. All meetings will take place on weekday evenings at venues in the Aspen Hill area.

1. Name _____
2. Where do you live?
 - In the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study area
 - In the greater Aspen Hill area
 - Other _____
3. Where do you work?
 - In the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study area
 - In the greater Aspen Hill area
 - Other _____
4. Are you affiliated with any groups (civic, home or condo association, PTA, religious institution, other advocacy or advisory group, etc.)?
5. How often do you use a bicycle to commute to work, run errands, go to school, recreate, etc.?
 - 3+ days per week
 - 1-2 days per week
 - 1-2 days per month

- I don't bike now, but would consider it if bicycle infrastructure existed along my route
6. How often do you walk to commute to work, run errands, go to school, recreate, etc.?
 - 3+ days per week
 - 1-2 days per week
 - 1-2 days per month
 - I don't walk now, but would consider it if better pedestrian infrastructure existed along my route
 7. How often do you use public transportation to commute to work, run errands, go to school, recreate, etc.?
 - 3+ days per week
 - 1-2 days per week
 - 1-2 days per month
 8. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Advisory Group?
 9. What will you add to the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study process?