



Bethesda Downtown Design Advisory Panel, Renewal of Panel Member Terms

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the renewal of terms for panel members Qiaojue Yu and George Dove. The second term would be three years from September 2019 to September 2022.

DISCUSSION

The Bethesda Downtown Design Advisory Panel (DAP) is an integral part of the Bethesda Overlay Zone. The role of the DAP is to provide advice and recommendations that will heighten design excellence and improve the quality of architecture, urban design and landscape architecture in downtown Bethesda.

The DAP is composed of five volunteer members and an ex-officio member representing the Planning Director's Office. The panel currently includes three registered architects, one of which represents the local community; one registered landscape architect; and a member of the development community.

DAP members are serving staggered initial terms of two, three and four years and then will move to three-year terms. The first two-year term for panel members Qiaojue Yu and George Dove will conclude at the end of September 2019. According to the Rules of Procedure, prior to completion of their first term, DAP members interested in remaining on the panel must submit a letter requesting to renew their term to the Planning Board for approval. Attached for the board's review are Ms. Yu's and Mr. Dove's letters of intent to renew for a second term on the DAP.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Qiaojue Yu Letter of Intent to Renew DAP Term
2. George Dove Letter of Intent to Renew DAP Term

May 30, 2019

Chairman Anderson and members of the Planning Board
Planning Board M-NCPPC
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Chairman Anderson and Members of the Planning Board,

I here sincerely request renewal for a second term on the Bethesda Downtown Design Advisory Panel (DAP). For the past two years of my service with the DAP, I have experienced and witnessed the aspiration and conviction of this Panel to reinforce the Bethesda Downtown Plan Design Guidelines and defend its authority to make downtown Bethesda a better place. During numerous DAP discussions, I provided constructive critiques to the applicants, which assisted them in better understanding the Guidelines and navigating through the design process with the County. As a landscape architect and an architect, I truly believe in the authenticity of urban public spaces that welcome all people and all cultures. With my two years' term with the DAP and my professional experience, I am confident I will continue to be a good fit on the panel.

Please consider and accept my request to continue to serve on the DAP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Qiaojue Yu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Qiaojue Yu

May 24, 2019

Chairman Anderson and members of the Planning Board
Planning Board M-NCPPC
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Chairman Anderson and members of the Planning Board:

I have been pleased to serve as an architect member of the Downtown Bethesda Design Advisory Panel for its first 2 years. It has been an exciting time and I think we all agree that the addition of the Panel has been effective in supporting design excellence in the projects that have been reviewed.

As you may know I was appointed for a 2 year term which is coming to and end in a few months. Recently I was asked by Staff if I would be interested in reappointment for an additional term. My answer is an enthusiastic yes, if it is deemed that my participation has been of use and effective. I continue to care a great deal about Bethesda and its future as a reinvented urban center, and would welcome reappointment for another term.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve so far, and I look forward to the possibility of continuing to do so in the coming years.

Sincerely,

C. R. George Dove

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