



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

June 23, 2020

Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson Response to County Council

Dear County Councilmembers:

I write in response to your letter of June 15 requesting a comprehensive review of the names of County owned and maintained streets and recommendations about how to change any names that memorialize Confederate soldiers and others who do not reflect our community's values.

The Montgomery Parks and Planning Departments have begun work on developing a plan to meet your request, including an assessment of street names, park facility names, and naming policies. We will work with the Council and its staff as we refine the scope and budget for this project. We will also coordinate with Executive Branch departments as they proceed with their own efforts on this topic.

M-NCPPC serves a multifaceted community in both Montgomery County and Prince George's County and celebrates diversity and inclusion of people from every race, color, ethnic origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or ability. Diversity and inclusion are among our core values, and we welcome the opportunity to reexamine street names as part of our efforts to promote racial and social justice. We are committed to confronting the legacy of racism and dismantling inequity, and this includes unflinching scrutiny of our own plans, policies and practices as we acknowledge and address inequities from the past and develop solutions to create more equitable outcomes in the future.

We will report back in the next week on our progress on the renaming project you have requested.

Sincerely,

Casey Anderson
Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
Chair, M-NCPPC

cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive