

Fall 2020 Semiannual Report Outline

Background

The Montgomery County Planning Department and Montgomery Department of Parks will conduct their Semi-Annual presentation to the Montgomery County Council on November 17, 2020. This presentation will cover the departments' activities and accomplishments between April and October 2020 and will discuss the departments' upcoming work programs. In preparation for this presentation, the Directors and staff of Montgomery Planning and Montgomery Parks are sharing with the Planning Board on the initial draft outline of the Semi-Annual presentation. The Departments request feedback from the Planning Board on the presentation outline of topics prior to finalization for the County Council briefing.

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Planning

- 1. Wheaton HQ (Parks + Planning)**
 - a. New photos + videos + stats on the building
- 2. Response during COVID-19 (Parks + Planning)**
 - a. Planning Board meetings
 - b. Community engagement - virtual events
 - c. Regulatory work + traffic counts
 - d. Pandemic Adaptation Working Group
- 3. Equity Activities (Parks + Planning)**
 - a. Planning Board briefing
 - b. Staff training
 - c. Street + Parks Facilities Renaming Project
 - d. Vision Zero
- 4. Thrive Montgomery 2050**
 - a. Upcoming Schedule
- 5. SSP/County Growth Policy**
 - a. Next Steps
- 6. Regulatory Projects**
 - a. Bethesda projects
 - b. Westfield Montgomery
 - c. Wilgus
 - d. Solar Projects
- 7. Plans and Studies**
 - a. Complete Streets Design Guidelines
 - b. Corridor Forward: I-270 Transit Plan
 - c. Pedestrian Master Plan
 - d. Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan
 - e. Ashton Village Center Sector Plan
 - f. Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - g. Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan
 - h. Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - i. GSSC Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - j. Fairland/Briggs Chaney Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - k. Advancing the Pike District Study
 - l. Mixed-Use Development Study
 - m. Retail in Diverse Communities Study
 - n. Urban Loading and Delivery Management Study
- 8. Upcoming Work Program Schedule FY22 Proposed**

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Parks

COVID Response

1. Reopening –
 - a. Following county guidelines for safe reopening of playgrounds, facilities, fields
 - i. Safety/Signage
 - b. Community collaboration
 - i. Drive-thru testing at Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center, tents, tables, and Wheaton Regional Park
 - ii. Testing at Wheaton Regional Park (not confirmed)
 - iii. Covid Corps Volunteers
 - iv. Community Gardens – Harvestshare food donations
 - v. Picnic in the Park
 1. Alcohol directive
 - c. Rent abatement for tenants and partners affected by closures
2. Adapting to COVID-19
 - a. Alternative programming
 - i. Parks from Home
 - ii. Stand-up weddings
 - iii. Enterprise – ice skating, tennis, etc.
 - iv. online programming
 1. Nature Centers
 2. Brookside Gardens
 - b. Discover Montgomery
 - c. Drive-In Movies
 - d. Themed 5k (October and November)
 - e. Open Streets Initiative
 - i. ADA accessible gates
 - ii. Continuation of initiative
 - f. Volunteerism – increase in Weed Warrior program
3. Updates/Looking Forward
 - a. Wheaton RP MP – outreach, timeline
 - b. Project Delivery
 - i. Wheaton HQ - highlight sustainability
 - ii. Maydale Nature Classroom
 - iii. Pickleball – temporary courts at East Norbeck and Longwood LP
 - iv. Dewey Local Park
 - v. Josiah Henson Museum
 - vi. Fields update:
 1. MLK #3
 2. goal mouth renovations on park fields
 3. MCPS renovations
 - c. Cabin John Trail improvements – sustainable v. unsustainable