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Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan – Working Draft

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Staff Recommendation

Approve the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* Working Draft as the Public Hearing Draft and set the Public Hearing for December 2, 2021.

Summary

The *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* is an update to the 2000 *Silver Spring Central Business District Sector Plan*. The Plan's scope was approved in June 2020, and the team kicked off a year-long engagement and visioning process for the plan that concluded in May 2021. In June the team began working on key ideas that would shape plan recommendations, and presented those to the Planning Board on July 29, 2021. The plan focuses on the four major themes of Diversity, Connectivity, Resiliency, and Community Health. The overarching theme of Equity is woven through all the plan themes and is the connective tissue throughout the plan. All goals and recommendations support one or more of the themes described above. The Plan envisions downtown Silver Spring in 2040 as a diverse, unique, thriving urban area, with a strong open space network and a safer, more comfortable pedestrian experience. The Plan focuses on incentivizing the development of key opportunity sites, providing support for the small business community in the downtown, as well as infrastructure for improved connectivity, transit, bicycle networks and stormwater management.

Staff recommends the approval of the Working Draft as the Public Hearing Draft and requests that the Planning Board schedule the Public Hearing for December 2, 2021.

Attachment

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