

# REAPPOINTMENT OF THE WHITE FLINT (NORTH BETHESDA) SECTOR PLAN AND SHADY GROVE SECTOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

## Description

Reappointment of the White Flint (North Bethesda) Sector Plan and Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committees.

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## SUMMARY

Staff recommends the reappointment of the White Flint (North Bethesda) Sector Plan and Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committees with the addition of new members for both committees.

### A: WHITE FLINT (NORTH BETHESDA) SECTOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Background

The approved 2010 *White Flint Sector Plan* requires the Planning Board to establish an advisory committee of property owners, residents, Executive Branch representatives, and interest groups that are stakeholders in the Sector Plan’s redevelopment. The Board established the Committee in September 2010 with a broad range of individuals, including commercial property owners, civic association representatives, and Executive Branch representatives.

The Committee’s responsibilities “include monitoring the Plan recommendations, identifying new projects for the Amenity Fund, monitoring the CIP and Growth Policy, and recommending action by the Planning Board and County Council to address issues that may arise.” (Sector Plan, p. 69)

Since its creation, the Committee has reviewed all submitted sketch plans, site plans and preliminary plans and received updates on infrastructure improvements, including the Western Workaround. It also provided input into the Biennial Master Plan Monitoring Report.

The current Committee members and their affiliations are noted below:

Mr. Andrew Bossi	Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Mr. Jay Brinson	Federal Realty Investment Trust
Ms. Mary Casciotti	Montgomery County Department of Finance
Mr. Jeff Derogatis	Resident of White Flint Park-Garrett Park Estates
Mr. Brian Downie	BF Saul Centers Properties
Mr. David D. Freishtat	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Suzanne Hudson	Resident of White Flint Park-Garrett Park Estates
Mr. Michael Krauthamer	Resident of the Wisconsin Condominium

Mr. Thomas Lewis	Office of the County Executive (Development Ombudsman)
Mr. John King	White Flint Community Coalition
Ms. Abbe Milstein	Resident of Luxmanor
Mr. Edward Rich	Resident of Old Farm
Mr. Ruwan Salgado	Gables on Tuckerman Condominium Association
Mr. Chad Salganik	Franklin Park Homeowners Association
Ms. Peggy Schwartz	North Bethesda Transportation Management District
Ms. Mary Ward	Resident of Crest of Wickford

Mr. Todd Lewers, Mr. Chad O'Connor and Mr. Paul Meyer are no longer Committee members. These members have either changed employers or are no longer interested in serving on the Committee.

**OUTREACH**

Staff solicited nominations from various property owners and civic and homeowners' associations within and surrounding the Sector Plan area. In addition, existing Committee members were also asked to refer potential nominees. All nominations were required to submit a letter of interest to serve on the Committee.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Mr. Marc "Kap" Kapastin, Mr. Charles B. Andrews, Dr. Jacob Krampf, Ms. Suzanne Beckner, and Mr. Ephraim Harel have submitted applications for the Committee.

Mr. Kapastin is the General Counsel for the Quantum Company, which owns the existing Caliber Collision property at 5511 Nicholson Lane. Located at the northeastern intersection of Nicholson Lane and Citadel Avenue, this property received a site plan approval for the White Flint View development.

Mr. Charles B. Andrews is a partner of 6950 Wisconsin LLC, which owns the 'Big Screen' shopping center at 11130 Rockville Pike and an adjacent property at 5419 Hillery Way. These two properties are in the Sector Plan area. Mr. Andrews lives in Garrett Park and has previously participated in the County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Water-Quality Advisory Group between 2003 to 2007, and the Bethesda Transportation Solutions Advisory Committee, between 2009 and 2015.

Dr. Jacob Krampf is a resident of the Strathmore Place residential community, which is at the intersection of Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Strathmore Avenue (MD 547). He has lived in Montgomery County since 1961 and in the North Bethesda area since 1987. Dr. Krampf served as a Captain in the U.S. Army and has served on different housing associated County Commissions, including the Landlord and Tenant Commission.

Mr. Ephraim Harel is a resident at the Forum Condominium, which is located east of Pike & Rose. He is a history teacher and has been the treasurer of the Forum Condominium Association since 2019.

Ms. Suzanne Beckner is a resident at the Midtown Bethesda North condominium building, which is located at Montrose Crossing. Montrose Crossing is located north of Josiah Henson Parkway in the White Flint 2 Sector Plan area. She has lived at Midtown since 2008. Professionally, Ms. Beckner has worked in the biotech sector, including at Westat, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the reappointment of the existing White Flint (North Bethesda) Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee with the addition of five new members.

## B: SHADY GROVE SECTOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Background

The 2006 *Shady Grove Sector Plan* recommended the creation of a resident “participation strategy to assure community involvement in the Plan implementation” (p.114). Following the Sector Plan approval, the Planning Board established the Shady Grove Sector Plan Advisory Committee, including property owners and community representatives. The 2021 *Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment* recommended the continuation of the advisory committee.

The current Committee members and their affiliations are noted below:

Mr. John Compton	Town of Washington Grove
Mr. Joe Parelo	Old Derwood
Mr. Jeffrey Reznick	Park Overlook

Ms. Pamela Lindstrom, the former Chair of the Committee, recently passed away. Ms. Lindstrom was a dedicated planning and housing advocate for the County, especially for the Gaithersburg and Shady Grove areas. She also served as a Commissioner for the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC). Ms. Connie McKenna, Ms. Pat Labuda, Mr. Michael McNerney and Mr. Brian Pierce are no longer Committee members. They are no longer interested in serving on the Committee.

### OUTREACH

Staff solicited nominations from various property owners, including those that the 2021 Sector Plan recommends potential redevelopment, and civic and homeowners associations in the Sector Plan area. The social media platforms of Twitter and Facebook were also utilized to conduct additional public outreach. All proposed new members submitted letters of interest.

## NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Alfred Minichiello, Ms. Shobhana Sharma, Mr. Andrew Einsmann and Ms. Kara Olsen Salazar have submitted membership applications for the Committee.

Mr. Alfred Minichiello is a Redland Station resident, which is a community in the Sector Plan area. He is the Redland Station Homes Association director and has lived in the community since 1993. Professionally, Mr. Minichiello is a Human Resources Information Systems Specialist at Kaiser Permanente in Rockville.

Ms. Shobhana Sharma is a resident of Shady Grove Station Westside, which is the first phase of the redevelopment of County Service Park (CSP). Ms. Sharma has lived in the County since 1994 and moved to the Westside development in 2018. Professionally, Ms. Sharma is President and principal of Environmental Management Services, Inc. and Millennium Bio-Haz Services, Inc., a Rockville-based firm, specializing in toxic and medical waste disposal, recycling, environmental remediation and clean up.

Mr. Andrew Einsmann is a Derwood resident and has lived in the area for more than 22 years. He is a real estate agent. Mr. Einsmann is a current candidate for Council District 7 and is a former member of the Upcounty Advisory Board.

Ms. Kara Olsen Salazar is a planning specialist in the Office of Planning and Development at Montgomery County's Department of General Services (DGS). She tracks master plans and zoning text amendments, identifying impacts on County assets. She works on site selection for new County facilities and conducts research on County-owned property to identify potential redevelopment opportunities. Ms. Salazar will serve as a liaison and representative of the Executive Branch on the committee.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the reappointment of the existing Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee with the addition of four new members.