

SILVER SPRING DOWNTOWN AND ADJACENT COMMUNITIES PLAN: DESIGN EXCELLENCE



Description

Staff will request approval of both the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan Design Guidelines* and the Rules of Procedure for the Silver Spring Downtown Design Advisory Panel.

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Item

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Communities Plan: Design Excellence

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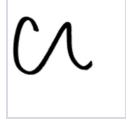
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Summary

In June 2022, the County Council approved and M-NCPPC adopted the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* (SSDACP). To accompany the Plan, staff developed Design Guidelines for development of new buildings, parks, and public spaces in the Plan area.

On January 12, 2023, Planning staff posted the draft Design Guidelines at the Planning Board's agenda website for the meeting on January 19, 2023 and announced the posting via a SSDACP e-letter that reaches over 1,000 subscribers. On January 20, 2023, staff sent a follow-up e-letter announcing that the Planning Board would be accepting public comment at their meeting on January 26, 2023.

On January 26, 2023, the Planning Board accepted public comment on the Draft Design Guidelines, and staff reviewed all comments received and discussed responses with the Planning Board.

The revised Design Guidelines document is provided as an attachment (Attachment A), supported by a separate attachment detailing all substantive text revisions (Attachment C). Several editorial revisions were also made to the document.

In addition, on January 26, 2023, staff presented the nominees for the Silver Spring Downtown Design Advisory Panel (DAP) and the DAP Draft Rules of Procedure. The Planning Board approved the nominee panel but asked that additional information be added to the Draft Rules of Procedure outlining the conduct of a DAP meeting. The revised Rules of Procedure document is provided as an

attachment (Attachment D) supported by a copy of the same document with tracked changes visible (Attachment E).

Staff requests the approval of:

- Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan Design Guidelines
- Silver Spring Downtown Design Advisory Panel Rules of Procedure

[Attachments](#)

A – Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan Design Guidelines (revised February 2, 2023)

B – Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan Draft Design Guidelines (January 19, 2023)

C – List of Design Guidelines Revisions

D – Silver Spring Downtown Design Advisory Panel Rules of Procedure (revised February 2, 2023)

E – Silver Spring Downtown Design Advisory Panel Rules of Procedure – with tracked changes (revised February 2, 2023)