



**MONTGOMERY PARKS**  
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January 17, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeff Zyontz, Chair *JZ*  
Planning Board Members

Via: Mike Riley, Director of Parks *MR*

CC: Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director *mf*  
Gary Burnett, Deputy Director *GB*

From: Devin Ellis *DE*  
Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation

Subject: Montgomery Parks Foundation Board of Trustees – New Member 2023

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The Montgomery Parks Foundation is pleased to present one new candidate for nomination to the Foundation Board of Trustees. Please find attached her bio. This candidate has been fully vetted and voted on by a quorum of the Montgomery Parks Foundation.

We ask for final approval of this candidate at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Sincerely,  
*Devin H Ellis*

Devin Ellis  
Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation



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**Board of Trustees**  
**2023 Nominee**

*Catherine Matthews*

(Term: January 2023 – December 2027)

Current Board of Trustees and Term End:

Clara	Lovett	12/31/2025
John	Robinson	12/31/2025
Marye	Wells-Harley	12/31/2025
Rhonda	Cunningham Holmes	12/31/2025
Trish	Heffelfinger	12/31/2025
Devin	Ellis	12/31/2025
Shawn	Jenkins	12/31/2025
Jane	Houlihan	12/31/2026

**Catherine Matthews – CV attached**

## ***Catherine Matthews***

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November 16, 2022

Dear Trish:

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for The Montgomery Parks Foundation's Board of Trustees. I am familiar with the organization's mission and would love to help make our beautiful parks system even more attractive and accessible. The following is a summary of some of my experiences and accomplishments as well as activities where I have worked to bring communities together. Please let me know if additional information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

Cathy

### **Professional Work**

#### **Director, Upcounty Regional Office of Montgomery County Government** (Retired August 2021)

Served as Director for 20 years and previously as Assistant Director in Upcounty and Silver Spring for more than 20 years. Identified and managed community issues and developed strategies to ensure effective and efficient county government services and successful community relations; developed successful citizens advisory boards; brokered mutually beneficial partnerships with municipalities, nonprofits and businesses; and developed and implemented service delivery strategies. Represented the county government on the Board of Directors for BlackRock Center for the Arts for 20 years (2001-2021) and provided guidance on policies, procedures, programming, fundraising, and general community relations. Served

several recent years as a member of the Arts and Humanities Council's Public Arts Trust Steering Committee.

**Assistant Director, Silver Spring and Upcounty Regional Offices, Montgomery County**

**Government** – Assisted the respective Regional Directors for more than 20 years in anticipating community issues, developing strategies for resolution, and implementing action plans associated with those strategies. Developed a mobile office system that placed staff at various sites for community-based problem-solving with residents.

**Former Vice-President, Mascom Cable Inc.** (Company sold) - Helped to develop the community relations division of a small niche telecommunications company that served Maryland and the District of Columbia with customized programming for apartment complexes.

**Co-Founder, Dormatt Trucking** – Established and operated a small trucking company that subcontracted with various construction projects in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

**Co-Founder, C&C Associates** – Served as a principal in creating the small public relations company that focused on assisting small Black-owned businesses.

**Personal Activities**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington**, Board of Directors

**BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Board of Trustees (former member)

**Montgomery Philharmonic**, Board of Directors (former member)

**Leadership Montgomery**, Class of 2003

**NAACP**, Montgomery County Branch

**Interfaith Works of Montgomery County**, Board of Directors (former member)

**Co-Founder, Foundation for African-American History** (Dissolved) - Established a mobile touring museum for a private collection of Black cultural artifacts and related documents that helped to explain the Black experience in the United States. To implement and support the

venture, a partnership was established that included an esteemed private collector, and representation from the NBA and Black Entertainment Television. (Unfortunately, the partnership and project were dissolved when the collector changed his priorities.)

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# Planning Board Approval of MPF Board Nominee 2023

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