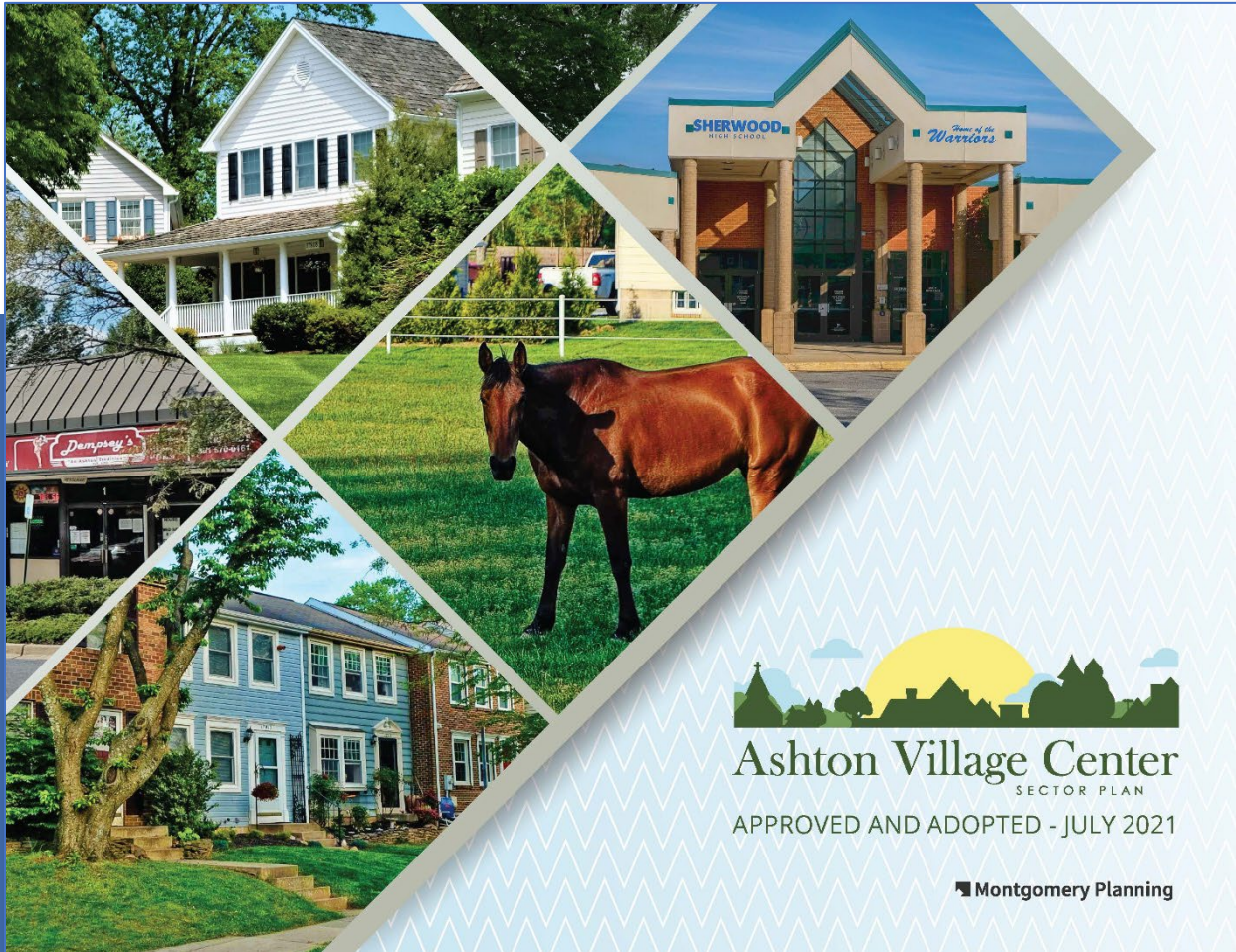


ASHTON VILLAGE CENTER IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF JIMMY LAKEY



Description

Appointment of Jimmy Lakey as new committee member for the Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee.

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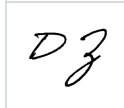
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SECTION 1: RECOMMENDATIONS AND DETAILS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Jimmy Lakey as a member of the Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee (AVCIAC).

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Council approved the 2021 *Ashton Village Center Sector Plan* through Resolution #19-904 on June 15, 2021. The approved and adopted plan includes the following recommendation to establish an advisory committee:

This Plan supports the creation of an advisory group to address its implementation. The formation of any new advisory group should be staffed by the Planning Department in close coordination with the civic/neighborhood groups within the Ashton area.

This advisory group would work in coordination with the Regional Services Center that covers the area of a project by providing specific community and redevelopment expertise. It would also serve as an interface between community members, county agencies, and developers in implementing recommendations of the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan. This new group should be structured to include representatives from the various constituencies interested in successful implementation of the Plan. Notification and participation in the development review process should occur at the earliest stage of the process.

In early January 2022, Planning staff sent nearly 500 letters to individuals, homeowners associations, and civic associations in and around Ashton Village Center inviting people to submit letters of interest for joining the committee. An e-letter was also sent to everyone on the plan's email list.

Planning staff received 18 applications for the committee. All 18 of the applicants were well qualified to be members, with a vast array of experiences that could bring unique voices to any discussion of projects for the Ashton Village Center. For practicality, however, Planning staff narrowed down the list to ten applicants as a more manageable size for the committee. The initial ten members were approved by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 5, 2022.

Members serve three-year terms, with those selected for the initial group of members serving staggered terms so that the entire committee is not being replaced every three years. Half of the initial group was randomly selected at their first meeting to serve for two years, while the other half were selected to serve for three. All future appointments are for three-year terms.

On May 24, 2023, Michael Tharkur submitted his resignation from the Committee. As mentioned above, all 18 of the initial applicants is well qualified to serve on the Committee, so rather than solicit new applications, Planning staff reviewed the eight applications of those not selected for the initial slate of members and selected Mr. Lakey to fill the spot vacated by Mr. Tharkur. Mr. Lakey has a long career in structural engineering and is a managing partner at Cagley and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in the design of commercial buildings. As an Ashton resident and someone experienced in construction projects, Mr. Lakey is expected to provide unique insight to the AVCIAC.

ASHTON VILLAGE CENTER IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Amy Medd (June 2022 – June 2024) (Chair)
- Julia Roberts (June 2022 – June 2025) (Vice Chair)
- Nadine Masone-Mort (June 2022 – June 2024) (Secretary)
- Harry Berman (June 2022 – June 2024)
- Lianne Clements (June 2022 – June 2025)
- Chelsea Hughes (June 2022 – June 2025)
- Jimmy Lakey (July 2023 – July 2026) [*pending approval by Planning Board*]
- Paul Mangus (June 2022 – June 2025)
- Jessica Sidar (June 2022 – June 2025)

- Kathleen Wheeler (June 2022 – June 2024)

SECTION 2: CONCLUSION

Staff recommends approval of Jimmy Lakey as a member of the Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Application Letter from Mr. Lakey

James C. Lakey, P.E. (Jimmy)

Structural Engineer | Cagley & Associates, Inc.



Education:

University of Maryland - 1988, BS Civil Engineering

Professional Engineer Licenses:

District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

Industry Experience:

33 years as a practicing Structural Engineer

Ashton Resident:

Owner since 2020

17513 Sir Galahad Way

Relevant Experience

I have been a managing partner at Cagley & Associates (C&A) for the last 10 years. C&A is a consulting structural engineering firm that specializes in the design of commercial buildings. In those years, I have been the Engineer of Record for a wide range of projects such as; high-rise residential, office buildings, hospitals, colleges, government/DOD facilities, etc. I am involved in all aspects of the project from conception to final construction. As the managing partner, I am responsible for the scheduling of the manpower to meet the clients' needs and project deadlines. I am also the technical director charged with the oversight/quality control of the construction documents, specifications and engineering calculations. Over my many years in the construction business I have learned to work with all types of people; owners, contractors, architects, engineers, lawyers, building officials, etc. My work has exposed me to many situations and people, and has developed my ability to work with a wide range of personalities while being a vital team member. This ability will assist me in contributing on the Implementation Advisory Committee and becoming an integral part of the Ashton community.

Personal Views on Ashton

Montgomery County has seen massive new development and growth over the last decade. My goal would be to keep Ashton a rural community. Limit the size of new develop to a scale that is appropriate for a rural community. I do support the development of the 108 & New Hampshire Ave intersection.

My goal as a Committee Member would be:

- To protect rural nature of our community.
- To protect our property investments.
- To maintain a family friendly environment for all generations.
- To lend my experience and leadership as we undertake the mission of the IAC.
- To be an integral member of the Ashton Community.