

Dear Stephanie:

I would like to serve a new three-year term as a residential member of the Bethesda Implementation Advisory Committee.

I've been a member of the IAC since its start. I also served as co-chair of the IAC during its second and third years of existence. My experience prepares me well for the challenges coming up regarding the density cap and implementing the infrastructure and amenity aspects of the Plan. Bethesda has not yet reached its full potential as a center of economic and social activity. There is a new sense of the need for concerted, joint effort to determine the best ways forward, and I would like to be part of that.

In addition to my service on the IAC, I've been involved in land use, zoning, planning and parks issues for 20 years. My involvement started small, with a property in CCW zoned R-60 that its owner proposed to turn into a "furniture show house". That meant learning about zoning, home occupations, permitting, and in this case the Board of Appeals – and leading me ever deeper into land use matters. I was for many years Vice President/Development for the Chevy Chase West (CCW) Neighborhood Association, and although I no longer hold that position I am still the person neighbors come to for information and guidance on land use and related issues.

CCW abuts downtown Bethesda and is directly affected by what happens there, from traffic to parks to school capacity, to potential redevelopment of the area south of Bradley Boulevard. The CCW Neighborhood Association has endorsed and support my presence on the IAC, and does so again now.

Because of my role within the community, I was actively involved during the zoning rewrite and the three years during which the Bethesda Downtown Plan was created, along with other planning issues.

Please let me know if you need additional information. I hope the Planning Board will favorably consider my request for a new term and reappoint me.

Sincerely,
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Stephanie:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter to request reappointment to the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC). As an owner in the 300 unit Whitehall Condominium Association on Battery Lane for over nine years and a tenant on Battery Lane for 15 years before that, I am keenly interested in confirming that the BDP will maintain and improve Bethesda generally and the Battery Lane District specifically as a smartly developed, pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly, lively urban area with adequate and well-maintained parks and greenspace among well-designed, mixed-use buildings.

Since taking over an open IAC seat in September 2018, I've regularly attended our monthly meetings to learn about upcoming projects across the BDP area, paying special attention to multiple locations on Battery Lane as their proposed changes affect my Battery Lane District neighborhood. I take seriously the need for both Bethesda resident input on the development projects and resident/developer dialog about potential differences in priorities of such projects as viewed through the BDP implementation recommendations. Recent discussions about potential changes to the BDP hard cap and about possible land purchases and sales to extend Veterans Park show the importance of clear and transparent communication with the IAC and with residents about such implementation issues.

In addition, I have stayed current with new development submissions outside of IAC meetings through developer's public meetings, DAP meetings, and Planning Board meetings. I've also followed and/or attended meetings for development-related issues, such as the Farm Women's Market-related new park planning and the Norfolk Avenue streetery/shared street planning.

I continue to be an attentive and passionate representative voice of the Battery Lane District on the IAC. Also, as the current President of Whitehall's Board of Directors, I can communicate quickly with my fellow owners both to provide and to solicit information about the effects of the BDP on our property. Finally, the three Battery Lane apartment redevelopment proposals in process have provided an opportunity for me and representatives of the other Battery Lane condominiums' homeowners to meet to discuss issues that directly impact our neighborhood, giving me even more input from my neighbors.

While I do not have development or planning training or expertise, I believe that my 20+ years of living on Battery Lane, enjoying all of Bethesda as my home neighborhood, and working at NIH provide me an insightful view of how the BDP can and should affect the lives of those who also live and/or work in Bethesda.

Thank you for this opportunity. I hope that you will continue to find me an asset to the IAC and therefore request your recommendation to the Planning Board to be re-appointed to the IAC.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 2023

Ms. Stephanie Dickel
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Re: Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Dickel,

I am writing regarding the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee ("Committee"). I am presently a member of the Committee representing a community adjacent to Bethesda Central Business District. My current appointment term concludes on December 31, 2023. I would like to be reappointed for another three year term.

I have a long history of involvement with the implementation of planning in Bethesda. My engagement has come from my involvement in several development related constituencies, including:

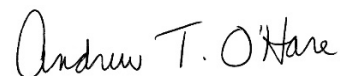
- **Bethesda Urban Partnership:** I was Board Chair and a Board member, for two and six years, respectively
- **Woodmont Triangle Advisory Group:** I was a founding member and advised the Planning Board on implementation on an amendment to the prior Bethesda plan
- **East Bethesda Citizens Association:** I presently serve as President, but was previously President and Vice President of the organization during a period when the prior Bethesda plan was implemented
- **Purple Line Community Advisory Team:** I presently represent the East Bethesda community on this group which advises the Purple Line concessionaire on construction related matters.

In addition to these directly relevant experiences, I have also been a member of the Board of the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, a member of the Board of the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District, a member of the Citizens Advisory Board at the National Institutes of Health and was a prior Chair of the Montgomery County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

My engagement in these various organizations has provided me with a unique collection of perspectives on development in and around Bethesda. I look forward to continuing to share this knowledge and experience with the Planning Board as a member of the Committee for another term.

I may be reached at (202) 270-0094 or andy.ohare@yahoo.com to address any questions you may have regarding the extension of my tenure as a member of the Committee.

Regards,



Andrew (Andy) T. O'Hare

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December 15, 2023

Ms. Stephanie Dickel
Via email, Stephanie.Dickel@montgomeryplanning.org

Re: Implementation Advisory Committee

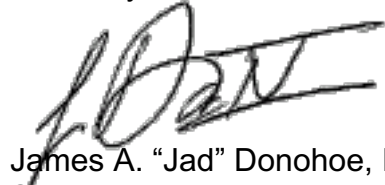
Dear Ms. Bogdan:

I am pleased to submit this letter of interest to serve another term on the Bethesda Downtown Implementation Advisory Committee in one of the property owner/business owner representative positions.

As someone who grew up in Bethesda, I have a deep familiarity with the town and what it was; as someone who works every day in Bethesda and has participated in its redevelopment, I am fortunate to have experienced and played a role in its evolution.

I have a deep appreciation of the practicalities of all aspects of the development process, and understand the complex trade-offs required for urban infill development. I understand and have relied upon the Bethesda Plan, the Design Guidelines, and the 2014 Zoning Regulations for my own projects, and participated in the public process during the drafting of each. I have worked on numerous optional method developments, both in Bethesda and elsewhere in the County.

Sincerely,



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Jad Donohoe is a Senior Vice President of The Donohoe Companies, a full-service real estate company located in downtown Bethesda.

Jad has worked on mixed-use, retail, office, residential, and hotel projects. Completed projects in Montgomery County include the Pike District's Sterling at the Metro Condominiums (2008), downtown Bethesda's Gallery Bethesda Apartments I & II (2014 & 2018) and Silver Spring's The Bonifant Apartments (2016). Other Bethesda credits include the Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda and the renovation of the historic Bethesda Post Office. Current projects include 5500 Wisconsin, a 300-unit residential building in Friendship Heights featuring 11,000sf of retail and a woonerf, which received site plan approval earlier this year.

He is founding chair of the Friendship Heights Alliance and is vice chair of the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District Board. In addition, he serves on the Bethesda Downtown Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) and the Friendship Heights Urban District Advisory Council.

He previously chaired the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board and served on the Woodmont Triangle Action Committee. He is a part of the fifth generation of the Donohoe family to work at The Donohoe Companies and grew up in Bethesda.

Jad earned his B.A. in English and Philosophy from Boston College, and his Master's in Literature from the University of Virginia.

Additional Project Information:

Gallery Bethesda I: <https://www.donohoe.com/development/key-projects/gallery-bethesda/>

Gallery Bethesda II: <https://www.donohoe.com/development/key-projects/gallery-bethesda-ii/>

The Bonifant: <https://www.donohoe.com/development/key-projects/the-bonifant/>

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Via E-mail Communication

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Re: Reappointment to Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Dickel:

Please accept this letter as my expression of interest in being reappointed to the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (the "IAC") for a three-year term. I was appointed to the formational IAC in 2017 as a business representative recommended by the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce and am interested in continuing the Committee's productive work.

I am a land use and zoning attorney with Lerch, Early & Brewer, located in Bethesda, Maryland, and am very interested in the successful growth of Bethesda over the next twenty years of my career. As the former chair of both the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce and the Bethesda Urban Partnership, I know how important it is to work with a wide variety of partners to ensure that Bethesda remains an attractive destination for businesses, residents and visitors. I was also involved in the Bethesda Downtown Plan approval process and value the role of the IAC to monitor development in Bethesda and provide relevant guidance to the Planning Board and other agencies on the Implementation of the Plan.

I have enjoyed the work of the IAC and hope that I will be able to contribute to it. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. O'Neil