

SILVER SPRING DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL



Description

Planning Staff recommends the reappointment of a current Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel for another two-year term.

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SUMMARY

- Staff recommends reappointing Praj Kasbekar as the developer member on the Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel for a second two-year term.

MASTER PLAN INFORMATION

Draft

Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel, as recommended
by the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent
Communities Plan*

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BACKGROUND

The Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel (SSDAP) was created in February 2023 to provide advice and recommendations in order to improve the quality of architecture, urban design and landscape architecture and to increase design excellence overall in downtown Silver Spring. The SSDAP is guided by the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities (SSDAC) Plan* and the associated Design Guidelines.

The SSDAP is comprised of five members with experience and/or expertise in architecture, landscape architecture, in architecture, landscape architecture, real estate development or academia. There is also a Silver Spring community member on the panel. The panel typically meets monthly when there are projects submitted for review. The SSDAP has reviewed several projects in the last two years.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SSDAP MEMBER

Praj Kasbekar has served as the real estate development member of the SSDAP since its inception. She has nearly 20 years of experience in real estate development, including affordable housing. She has been an active participant on the SSDAP and has expressed interest in continuing on the panel.

Staff recommends reappointing Ms. Kasbekar to a second two-year term on the Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel.

[Attachment 1](#) – Letter of Intent and resume from Ms. Kasbekar