

# **Montgomery County Planning Board**

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE MAILED:

April 25, 2025

**MCPB No. 24-117**

**Reallocation of \$173,100 in the Bethesda Amenity Fund to the Bethesda Urban Partnership for public art and placemaking initiatives in place of the Norfolk Avenue Streeterly**

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“Commission”) approved Resolution No. 22-121 on December 8, 2022 to allocate \$485,278 of Bethesda Amenity Funds to the Bethesda Urban Partnership (“BUP”) for implementation and construction of the Norfolk Avenue Streeterly between St. Elmo Avenue and Cordell Avenue, within the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan area (the “Project”), subject to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”); and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, the Commission executed MOU No. 430303 with BUP regarding use of the funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU, BUP used \$312,178 of the total allocation of \$485,278 for the Project; and

WHEREAS, BUP, for various reasons, has decided to discontinue the Project and requests to use the remaining \$173,100 for implementation of public art and other placemaking initiatives in downtown Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, at a public meeting and after consideration of Staff’s recommendation, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the reallocation of the remaining \$173,100 to BUP for implementation of public art and other placemaking initiatives, subject to BUP entering into an amended MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Board hereby approves the reallocation of the remaining \$173,100 of the original \$485,278 of Bethesda Amenity Funds to BUP, subject to entering in an amended MOU, for implementation of public art and other placemaking initiatives in downtown Bethesda.

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Approved as to

Legal Sufficiency: /s/ Emily Vaias

M-NCPPC Legal Department

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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Hedrick, seconded by Commissioner Linden, with a vote of 3-0; Vice Chair Pedoeem, and Commissioners Hedrick, and Liden, voting in favor of the motion, with Chair Harris and Commissioner Bartley being necessarily absent, at its regular meeting held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in Wheaton, Maryland and via video conference.

*Mitra Pedoeem*  
Mitra Pedoeem, Vice Chair/Presiding Officer  
Montgomery County Planning Board