

SILVER SPRING DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL






Description

Planning Staff recommends the appointment of a new member of the Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel for the academic position.

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SUMMARY

- Staff recommends appointing Michael Ezban as the academic member on the Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel.

MASTER PLAN INFORMATION

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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

Michael Ezban is an architect, landscape designer, author, and educator from Silver Spring. Ezban is Assistant Director of Graduate Architecture and Associate Clinical Professor in the Architecture Program at the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation. His prior academic experience includes an assistant professorship in Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Ezban has a Master of Landscape Architecture from Harvard University, and a Master of Architecture from University of Michigan. His undergraduate architecture degree is from University of Virginia.

Staff recommends appointing Mr. Ezban to complete the remainder of David Cronrath's existing term as the academic member of the Design Advisory Panel. The existing term expires on February 1, 2026. If his appointment is approved by the Planning Board, Mr. Ezban would be eligible to continue for a second three-year term that would expire on February 1, 2029.

[Attachment 1](#) – Letter of Intent and resume from Mr. Ezban.