



**MONTGOMERY PARKS**  
F O U N D A T I O N

April 15, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Artie Harris, Chair  
Planning Board Members

Via: Miti Figueredo, Director of Parks *mf*

CC: Darren Flusche, Deputy Director *DF*  
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From: Trish Heffelfinger *Trish Heffelfinger*  
Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation

Subject: Montgomery Parks Foundation Board of Trustees – New Member 2026  
Elizabeth Rogers

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The Montgomery Parks Foundation is pleased to present a new candidate for nomination to the Foundation Board of Trustees. Please find attached her bio. This candidate has been fully vetted and voted on by a quorum of the Montgomery Parks Foundation.

We ask for final approval of this candidate at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

*Trish Heffelfinger*

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Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation

## **Elizabeth C. Rogers**

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### **General Summary**

For more than a decade, Liz Rogers has represented developers and property owners by helping them navigate the entitlement process and the myriad of issues that arise during the post-entitlement and construction period. Liz brings a unique perspective to her work. Liz merges a background in community planning with a thorough understanding of land use and zoning laws. Her background in interior design also provides her with an understanding of the fine details of construction and design, allowing her to work effectively with project members like architects and engineers to develop technically sound plans.

Liz has provided assistance to clients through all stages of the development process, starting with zoning feasibility and due diligence, working throughout the process of obtaining various development and administrative approvals (such as rezonings, sketch plans, site plans, preliminary plans, special exceptions and variances), and assisting project engineers to obtain the necessary post-approvals and permits to help meet project construction schedules. She also has experience working on real estate matters involving easements, leases, covenants and deeds.

### **Representative Work**

- Serves as land use counsel for Lerner Enterprises in connection with the mixed-use, multi-phase development known as Black Hill, located in Germantown Maryland. The Black Hill Project includes approval for up to 2,458,055 square feet of development and provides substantial on-site open space (with over nine (9) acres of diverse open spaces currently provided within the Project). Additionally, the Black Hill Project previously dedicated 64 acres to Black Hill Regional Park in 1994 and through the most recent Site Plan approval, the Applicant seeks to construct an additional trail connection to Black Hill Regional Park.
- Represented Community Three in connection with their redevelopment of the aging, single-story automotive use located at 4725 Cheltenham Drive in Bethesda, Maryland with up to 102 dwelling units and eight (8) live/work units. The Project included a monetary contribution toward improvements to the adjacent Cheltenham Drive Urban Park, in addition to the Project's Park Impact Payment.
- Serves as land use counsel for Fivesquares Development in connection with their Strathmore Square project. Liz has worked with Fivesquare in obtaining the necessary land use entitlements, including Sketch Plan, Preliminary Plan and Site Plans for the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Strathmore Metro Station. The development includes almost 2 million square feet of residential development, with over 300,000 square feet of commercial uses, at full

build-out, organized around a 1.2 acre central park (located directly across from the Metro Station entrance).

- Representing the Chevy Chase Land Company and Bozzuto Development in the joint redevelopment of more than 1 million square feet in Chevy Chase Lake, Maryland. The first phase of the overall project involved the redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Lake East Shopping Center with up to 534 dwelling units and over 100,000 square feet of commercial use in three buildings with significant on-site amenities, including an approximately 1/2 acre town square in the approximate center of the site.
- Served as land use counsel for AHC Inc. in helping to obtain the necessary land use entitlements (including Site Plan and Preliminary Plan) for the redevelopment of the formerly County-owned property located in Silver Spring, Maryland with an affordable housing development. The Project includes 200 affordable housing units. AHC Inc. partnered with Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland to incorporate affordable home ownership in the Project, through the construction of both single-family detached dwellings and condominiums.

## **Education**

- The George Washington University Law School (J.D., 2013)
- Auburn University (M.C.P in Community Planning, summa cum Laude, 2010)
- Auburn University (B.S. in Interior Design, summa cum laude, 2008)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

## **Honors and Awards**

- Listed in Chambers USA as “Up and Coming” Real Estate: Land Use (2023-present)
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America “Ones to Watch”, Land Use and Zoning Law (2021-present)
- Selected as one of The Daily Record’s 20 in Their Twenties (2015)
- Listed in “Rising Star” by Maryland Super Lawyers, Land Use & Zoning (2017-present)











# Memo to Planning Board\_Foundation Trustee Nomination

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