

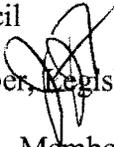
AGENDA ITEM #5
February 9, 2010

**Appointment -
Montgomery County
Planning Board**

MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Justina J. Ferber,  Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Appointment – Member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Montgomery County Planning Board

BACKGROUND

The Council will make an appointment to fill one position on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission/Montgomery County Planning Board. This vacancy was created by the passing of Board member Jean Cryor, a Republican, on November 3, 2009. The Council advertised from November 12, 2009, to January 13, 2010, for applicants for the vacancy and received twenty-six applications; two applicants withdrew.

State law requires that a person appointed to fill any vacancy for an unexpired term shall be a member of the same political party as was represented by the member who vacated the office. The appointee must be a Republican and will fill the vacated term which expires June 14, 2011. Current board members are Chairman Royce Hanson, Montgomery Village (Democrat; term expires June 14, 2010); Joseph Alfandre, Potomac (Democrat; term expires June 14, 2011); Amy Presley, Clarksburg (Republican; term expires June 14, 2012); and Marye Wells-Harley, Silver Spring (Democrat; term expires June 14, 2013). Annual compensation for Board members is \$30,000.

The principle jurisdiction of the Board does not include the municipalities of Brookeville, Poolesville, Laytonsville, Rockville, Barnesville, Gaithersburg, and Washington Grove. The long-time Council practice is not to appoint residents of those municipalities to this Board. This practice can be waived. Mr. Goldensohn lives within the municipal boundaries of Gaithersburg, and Mr. Bryant lives within the municipal boundaries of Rockville.

APPLICANTS AND INTERVIEWS

The following five applicants were interviewed by the Council on January 28: Ms. Donna Barron, Mr. Allison Bryant, Mr. Bruce Goldensohn, Mr. Kenneth Hurdle, and Mr. Norman Dreyfuss. Interviewees were then given financial interviews by an attorney from the Office of the County Attorney. Resumes for interviewees are attached.

COUNCIL ACTION

Attached is a draft resolution of appointment. Councilmembers will make nominations and then vote on the appointment.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Within three days of appointment by the Council, the names of appointees are delivered to the County Executive, who shall within 30 days after the appointment, either approve or disapprove the appointments. In the event that the County Executive disapproves an appointment, he shall return the appointment to the Council with the reasons for the disapproval in writing. The Council may, by the affirmative vote of 7 of its members, appoint a member of the Commission over the disapproval of the Executive and by the affirmative vote of 6 of its members designate a Chairman over the disapproval of the Executive. Once the appointment process is completed, the appointee is sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

This packet contains:

Draft Appointment Resolution
News Release
List of Applicants
Resumes of Interviewees

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: Appointment to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Background

1. Article 28, Section 2-101, of the Maryland Code provides for the appointment of members to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. No more than three members of the Commission may be from the same political party.
2. A vacancy was created by the passing of Board member Jean Cryor, a Republican, on November 3, 2009.
3. State law requires that a person appointed to fill any vacancy for an unexpired term shall be a member of the same political party as was represented by the member who vacated the office. The appointee must be a Republican and will fill the vacated term which expires June 14, 2011.
4. Current members include Royce Hanson, Chair (Democrat), Joseph Alfandre (Democrat), Amy Presley (Republican), and Marye Wells-Harley (Democrat).
5. The appointment of a member to fill the unexpired term of Jean Cryor is before the Council for approval.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

_____ is appointed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission until June 14, 2011, or until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved:

Linda M. Lauer
Clerk of the Council

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

November 12, 2009

FOR INFORMATION: Justina Ferber 240-777-7938

Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants For County Planning Board Position

Deadline for Applications Is Wed., Jan. 13

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ROCKVILLE, Md., November 12, 2009—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill one vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. The vacancy was created by the passing of board member Jean Cryor on Nov. 3. Ms. Cryor's term will expire on June 14, 2011.

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and all members must be residents and registered voters of Montgomery County when appointed. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. Ms. Cryor was a Republican. The position can be filled by a Republican; a voter who declines to affiliate with a party; or by a member of another party officially recognized by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

The current board members are Chairman Royce Hanson, a Democrat; Joseph Alfandre, a Democrat; Amy Presley, a Republican and Marye Wells-Harley, a Democrat. Annual compensation for board members is currently \$30,000.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as Commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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The Planning Board's responsibilities with regard to planning include preparation and amendment of County General Plan; preparation and amendment of Master Plans and functional plans; formulation of subdivision regulations; preparation of or recommendations on text amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance; implementation of the subdivision process by reviewing and approving all preliminary plans, site plans and other plans for development; advice on the planning implication of capital facilities and programs of the County government, Montgomery College, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Montgomery County Public Schools; commenting, under its Mandatory Referral authority, on plans for public facilities of local, state and federal agencies; and approval of the work program and the annual operating budget for the Planning Department and the Commission's bi-county offices.

The Planning Board sits as the Park Commission and approves the annual Parks Department operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget; land acquisition contracts and major development contracts for parks; development plans for individual park facilities; policies for park operations; and park user fees.

The Montgomery County Planning Board meets all day every Thursday and often meets on one other evening a week. The entire Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month. On average, a Planning Board member can expect to spend at least two full days a week in scheduled and informal meetings. Additionally, substantial time is required for preparatory work and other activities related to Planning Board responsibilities.

Letters expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Phil Andrews, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Letters must be received no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the Jan. 13 closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants for interviews to be held Jan. 28 or soon thereafter.

Letters of application are made public as part of the appointment process. The names of all applicants are published and available for public review and interviews are conducted in public. A resume of professional and civic experience should be included with letters of application. A financial statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required of all applicants. Only the candidates appointed will be required to make their financial statements available to the public.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Applicant List 2010

Donna L. Barron (Republican)
Allison Bryant (Republican)
Richard Ceccone (Republican)
Gerald R. Cichy (Republican)
Richard L. Claypoole (Republican)
Dominique M. D'Anna (Republican)
Norman M. Dreyfuss (Republican)
John R. DuFour (Republican)
Kirk Esherick (Republican)
Robin Ficker (Republican)
Bruce Goldensohn (Republican)
John H. Harman (Republican)
Ken Hurdle (Republican)
William O. Jackson (Republican)
Vincent A. Jankoski (Republican)
Byrne H. Kelly (Withdrew Application)
Earl L. Kendrick (Republican)
John R. Landis (Republican)
Polly M. Leech (Republican)
Sarah Medearis (Republican)
Jacqueline Z. Nicholson (Republican)
Kenneth M. Northup (Withdrew Application)
Martin Pasco (Republican)
Roberto Ramirez (Republican)
Ralph Schofer (Republican)
David L. Stultz (Republican)