



DPS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2025

4:30 p.m. (Virtual) Microsoft Teams

DPSAC Members

Chair Dean Packard; Vice Chair Neil Blanc; Karem Carpio; Rexie Fernando; Nasser Kamazani; Arquilla Ridgell; Mark Rittenberg; Sean Soboloski; Rebecca Torma; Sharon Wilder; and Debra Wylie.

DPS Staff

Director Rabbiah Sabbakhan; Deputy Director Ehsan Motazed; Land Development Division Chief Linda Kobylski; and Senior Executive Administrative Aide Leah Ortiz.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approved draft minutes from the November 21 meeting.

DPS Look Ahead 2025: Adopt the 2021 ICC Building Codes, 2018 NFPA Fire Codes and the NEC Electrical Code; DPS Strategic Plan; DPS Stakeholders Forum on Feb. 12, 2025.

Design for Life Program (DFL): Committee members assisted with the DFL and are interested in its outcome. As of today, no decision has been made.

Comprehensive Floodplain Management Plan 2025: Joint effort in 2022 between DOT, DPS, Park and Planning, FEMA and engineering firm Jacobs in response to the Rock Creek Apartments flooding incident. DEP has taken the lead and now involves DHCA, DOT and DPS. It is a phased project currently in the watershed modeling and study phase. This is being done concurrently with the stormwater management regulation updates.

DPS Guest Speakers: The Zoning & Site Plan Compliance Division will present to the Committee during the January meeting.

DPS Website: The committee suggests updating the DPS website to include a database of ZTAs, administrative bulletins and any other departmental policies or interpretations, as well as a formal process for submitting a design variation request.

DPS Policy Changes and Proposed Regulations: DPS wants to utilize the committee whenever there is a significant proposed regulation or policy and intends to meet on an as-needed basis if required.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.