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Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #6
October 12, 2021
Discussion

SUBJECT

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council, which outlines accomplishments and current work program items of the Planning and Parks Departments

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
Tina Patterson, Montgomery County Planning Board
Gerald Cichy, Montgomery County Planning Board
Partap Verma, Montgomery County Planning Board
Gwen Wright, Director, Planning Department
Mike Riley, Director, Parks Department
John Nissel, Deputy Director of Operations, Parks Department
Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director of Administration, Parks Department
Robert Kronenberg, Deputy Director, Planning Department
Tanya Stern, Deputy Director, Planning Department

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Review Planning Department and Department of Parks accomplishments and work program, providing any input on work program items for the coming fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council typically occurs in the spring and fall each year. It is an opportunity for the Board to brief the Council on the accomplishments of the Parks and Planning Departments and provide an update on work program items. The Semi-Annual report is customarily provided to the Council in the form of a presentation.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- **PLANNING**
Attached on ©1-2 is an outline of the initiatives and accomplishments of the Planning Department. It contains more items than will be covered in the presentation expected for this Semi-Annual briefing. The detailed outline has been provided to inform the Council of the variety and extent of work by the Planning Department. While Planning will not cover everything listed in the outline, the Council is welcome to enquire about any item of interest.

As part of the Semi-Annual, the Planning Department will provide an update on the master plans and studies in progress, and any proposed/expected changes to their delivery (the Adopted Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule is attached on ©5).

- **PARKS**

Attached on ©3-4 is an outline of the initiatives and accomplishments of the Parks Department. Like the outline for Planning, it contains several more items than will be covered in the presentation expected for this Semi-Annual briefing. The detailed outline has been provided to inform the Council of the variety and extent of work by the Parks Department. While Parks will not cover everything listed in the outline, the Council is welcome to enquire about any item of interest.

This report contains:

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| Outline of Parks and Planning Departments' Presentations | © 1-4 |
| Adopted Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule – Planning Department | © 5 |

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**Fall 2021 Semiannual presentation - Outline
Montgomery Planning and Montgomery Parks
10.05.2021**

**Montgomery Planning
Fall 2021 Semiannual Presentation**

Introduction

1. Outreach and engagement efforts – Thrive and beyond
2. Planning Board participation statistics
3. Regulatory work statistics
4. Awards received

Montgomery Planning

1. Focus on development projects
 - a. Downcounty
 - i. United Therapeutics
 - ii. Elizabeth Square
 - iii. The Wilson and The Elm
 - iv. Hampden East
 - v. Discussion on Bethesda Downtown Plan development cap
 - b. Midcounty
 - i. Johns Hopkins University - Belward Campus
 - ii. Trville, Building A
 - iii. 9800 Medical Center Drive
 - iv. White Oak Town Center
 - v. White Oak Apartments
 - c. Upcounty
 - i. Ashford Woods
 - ii. Creekside at Cabin Branch
 - iii. Milestone Senior Germantown
 - iv. 9545 River Road
2. Thrive Montgomery 2050
3. Equity Agenda for Planning
 - a. Attainable Housing Strategies initiative
 - b. Street Renaming Review
 - c. Equity Focus Map Award
4. Spotlight on Master Plans
 - a. GSSC Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - b. Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan

- c. Corridor Forward: I-270 Transit Functional Plan
 - d. Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan
 - e. Takoma Mark Minor Master Plan Amendment
 - f. Pedestrian Master Plan
5. Update on Studies and Projects
 - a. Advancing the Pike District Study
 - b. Wheaton Downtown Study
 - c. Retail in Diverse Communities Study
 - d. Mixed Use Development Trends Study
 - e. Design Excellence Awards – October 21 at 6 p.m.
 6. Work Program updates

Montgomery Parks Fall 2021 Semiannual Presentation

Projects and Capital Development

1. Josiah Henson Museum and Park
 - a. International Underground Railroad Month Event
 - b. Community Celebration
2. Park Acquisitions
 - a. New Urban Rec Park: South Silver Spring Urban Recreational Park
3. Park Mini-Refresher Projects
 - a. Acorn Urban Park / Newell Street
 - b. Flower Avenue Urban Park
4. Projects Under Construction – Timeline of where projects are/updated milestones (under construction)
 - a. Piedmont Woods LP in Clarksburg; 75% complete (developer-built park)
 - b. Edith Throckmorton NP in Kensington; 75% complete
 - c. Gene Lynch UP in Silver Spring; 25% complete
 - d. Silver Spring Intermediate NP; out for bid
 - e. Hillandale LP; out for bid
 - f. North Branch Trail design is 100% complete; awaiting FEMA approval
5. Projects in Design – Timeline
 - a. Long Branch-Garland community meeting in September 2021
 - b. Columbia Local Park Facility Plan, PB approved July 2021
 - c. Caroline Freeland Park Refresher, detailed design-initiated summer 2021
 - d. Ovid Hazen Wells RP expansion; 30% design summer 2021
 - e. Carroll Knolls park refresher design RFP issued Fall 2021
 - f. Black Hill SEED Classroom design-build RFP issued Summer 2021
6. Grants and Special Funding

Trails

1. Equity Engagement Program
 - a. Bike Fleet
 - b. Inaugural Bike Fleet Trail Ride – Sept 12th at Fairland
2. Recent Natural Surface Trails - Upper Paint Branch Trails
3. Hard Surface Trails Renovations - Long Branch Resurfacing – in progress

Athletic Fields

1. White Oak Recreation Field Grand Opening
2. MCPS Fields - Oakview Elementary School
3. Park Fields - Parklawn Local Park Soccer Fields #1,#2
4. Blair High School Update

Park Safety Committee

1. Technologies
2. Prevention through Design
3. Trail Safety
4. Collaboration

White Tail Deer Management

1. Program Evolution and Growth

Accessibility

1. Communication Board
2. Sensory Bags for Park Police Officers
3. Explorers Program

PROS 2022 Plan

1. Process
2. Timeline
3. Survey / Outreach

Data in Parks

1. Bike Racks in park versus locational demand
2. City Dash

Enterprise

1. 2021 Projections
2. COVID Lessons Learned and Efficiencies
3. Summer Camp Registration Numbers

Programs and Special Events

1. Community Gardens
2. Nature on Wheels
3. Maydale Nature Center Programs

4. Longbranch Festival in Flower Avenue Urban Park
5. Salsa Night
6. Opera in the Park
7. Paint with Your Pup
8. MoCo Epic
9. Friendship Picnic
10. Twilight Concert Series
11. Latino Conservation Month
12. Parks Half Marathon

FY22 Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule
Updated October 2021

| Master Plan & Major Projects | 2021 | | | 2022 | | | 2023 | | | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | FY22 | | | | | | FY23 | | | | | | FY24 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Shady Grove Sector Plan - Minor Master Plan Amendment | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashton Village Center Sector Plan | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thrive Montgomery 2050 General Plan Update | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Complete Streets Design Guide/Roadway Functional Class System | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Seneca Science Corridor Plan Amendment Phase 1 | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Sector Plan | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | |
| Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | |
| Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Pedestrian Master Plan | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Life Sciences/Great Seneca Science Corridor Plan Amendment Phase 2 | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| University Boulevard Corridor Plan | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Clarksburg Master Plan Amendment | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Silver Spring Communities Master Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Growth and Infrastructure Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Mixed Use Development: Current Status and Future Trends | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Predictive Safety Analysis | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Access Management Study | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Redlining/Segregation Mapping Tool | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Opportunity Index | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheaton Downtown Study | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Innovative Housing Tool Kit | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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