



Committee: TE
Committee Review: At a future date
Staff: Christine Wellons, Senior Legislative Attorney
Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected

AGENDA ITEM #7B
May 2, 2023
Introduction

SUBJECT

Bill 24-23, Airpark Community Advisory Committee - Established

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Luedtke

Co-Sponsor: Council President Glass

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- N/A; to introduce and item

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Expedited Bill 15-23 would:

- (1) establish an Airpark Community Advisory Committee;
- (2) specify the membership, responsibilities, and staffing of the Committee; and
- (3) generally amend the laws regarding airports within the County and regarding an advisory committee concerning airports.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- N/A

This report contains:

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MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2023

TO: County Council

FROM: Christine Wellons, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Bill 24-23, Airpark Community Advisory Committee - Established

PURPOSE: Introduction – no Council votes required

Bill 24-23, Airpark Community Advisory Committee - Established, sponsored by Lead Sponsor Councilmember Luedtke and Co-Sponsor Council President Glass, is scheduled for introduction on May 2, 2023. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 13 at 1:30 p.m., and a Transportation and Environment (TE) Committee worksession will be scheduled for a future date.

Expedited Bill 24-23 would:

- (1) establish an Airpark Community Advisory Committee;
- (2) specify the membership, responsibilities, and staffing of the Committee; and
- (3) generally amend the laws regarding airports within the County and regarding an advisory committee concerning airports.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of Bill 24-23 would be to establish an Airpark Community Advisory Committee to advise the County Executive, County Council, and the Revenue Authority regarding the community impacts of Montgomery County Airpark operations.

The regulatory framework and community impacts of the Airpark are described in detail in Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2022-2, <https://www.montgomerycountyairpark.com/images/documents/OLO2022-2.pdf>.

BILL SPECIFICS

Bill 24-23 would establish an Airpark Community Advisory Committee (the “Committee”), consisting of eight appointed, voting members and three non-voting, ex-officio members.

The eight voting members, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Council, would consist of:

- a representative of the Montgomery Village Foundation;

- 3 members nominated by other homeowner’s associations, civic associations, or community groups;
- a representative of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation;
- a representative of a flight school operating at the Montgomery County Airpark; and
- 2 representatives of business owners in the County.

The non-voting, ex-officio members would include:

- a designee of the Revenue Authority;
- the County Executive, or the Executive’s designee; and
- a designee of the County Council.

The Committee would meet at the call of the chair and at least four times annually. The Committee would invite representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Maryland Aviation Administration to participate in at least one meeting per year.

The Committee would advise the County Executive, County Council, and Revenue Authority regarding Montgomery County Airpark operations, community concerns, safety, and community impact. Additionally, the Committee would report annually to the County Executive, the County Council, and the Revenue Authority regarding:

- data on noise complaints;
- data on itinerate flight operations;
- data on local flight operations; and
- recommendations of the Committee regarding operations, safety, community impact, and other community concerns.

The Committee would be staffed by a principal department or office of County government designated by the County Executive.

This packet contains:
Bill 24-23

Circle #
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Bill No. 24-23
Concerning: Airpark Community
Advisory Committee - Established
Revised: 04/15/23 Draft No. 1
Introduced: _____
Expires: _____
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Luedtke
Co-Sponsor: Council President Glass

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish an Airpark Community Advisory Committee;
- (2) specify the membership, responsibilities, and staffing of the Committee; and
- (3) generally amend the laws regarding airports within the County and regarding an advisory committee concerning airports.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 42. Revenue Authority
Section 42-34A

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

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

1 **Sec. 1. Section 42-34A is added as follows:**

2 **42-34A. Airpark Community Advisory Committee.**

3 (a) Committee established. There is an Airpark Community Advisory
 4 Committee.

5 (b) Membership.

6 (1) The Committee consists of:

7 (A) 8 voting members who are appointed by the County
 8 Executive and confirmed by the County Council; and

9 (B) 3 non-voting, ex-officio members.

10 (2) The 8 voting members include:

11 (A) a representative of the Montgomery Village Foundation;

12 (B) 3 members nominated by other homeowner's associations,
 13 civic associations, or community groups;

14 (C) a representative of the Montgomery County Economic
 15 Development Corporation;

16 (D) a representative of a flight school operating at the
 17 Montgomery County Airpark; and

18 (E) 2 representatives of business owners in the County.

19 (3) The 3 ex-officio members include:

20 (A) a designee of the Revenue Authority;

21 (B) the County Executive, or the Executive's designee; and

22 (C) a designee of the County Council.

23 (c) Terms of voting members.

24 (1) In general. A voting member serves for a 3-year term or until a
 25 successor is appointed and confirmed.

26 (2) Term limits. A voting member must not be appointed to serve
 27 more than 2 full consecutive terms.

- 28 (3) Staggering of initial terms. Of the initial voting members:
- 29 (A) 2 members must be appointed to 1-year terms;
- 30 (B) 3 members must be appointed to 2-year terms; and
- 31 (C) 3 members must be appointed to 3-year terms.
- 32 (d) Duties. The Committee must:
- 33 (1) advise the County Executive, County Council, and Revenue
- 34 Authority regarding Montgomery County Airpark operations,
- 35 community concerns, safety, and community impact; and
- 36 (2) report annually to the County Executive, County Council, and the
- 37 Revenue Authority regarding:
- 38 (A) data on noise complaints;
- 39 (B) data on itinerate flight operations;
- 40 (C) data on local flight operations; and
- 41 (D) recommendations of the Committee regarding operations,
- 42 safety, community impact, and other community concerns.
- 43 (e) Meetings; quorum; officers; compensation.
- 44 (1) Meetings.
- 45 (A) The Committee must meet at the call of the Committee
- 46 chair and at least 4 times annually.
- 47 (B) The Committee must invite representatives of the Federal
- 48 Aviation Administration and the Maryland Aviation
- 49 Administration to attend at least 1 Committee meeting
- 50 annually.
- 51 (2) Quorum. A majority of the voting members of the Committee
- 52 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

53 (3) Officers. The Committee must elect from among its voting
54 members a chair, vice-chair, and other officers it deems
55 appropriate.

56 (4) Compensation. A member must serve without compensation, but
57 the member may request reimbursement for mileage and
58 dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

59 (f) Staffing. The County Executive must designate a principal office or
60 department identified under Section 1A-201(a)(1) to provide the staff
61 support necessary for the Commission to perform its duties.