



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting
Open Session Minutes
March 15, 2023

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in hybrid, in-person/videoconference, with the Chair initiating the meeting at the Wheaton Headquarters Building in Wheaton, Maryland. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery Planning Department.

PRESENT

Prince George's County Commissioners

Peter A. Shapiro, Chair
Dorothy Bailey
William Doerner
Manuel Geraldo

Montgomery County Commissioners

Roberto Piñero
Shawn Bartley
James Hedrick

NOT PRESENT

A. Shaunise Washington

Jeff Zyontz
Mitra Pedoeem

Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA

ACTION: Passage without objection
7 approved the passage
Passed without objection

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

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ACTION: Passage without objection
7 approved the passage

ITEM 3 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Women's History Month
- b) St. Patrick's Day
- c) National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- d) National Nutrition Month
- e) Upcoming Stress Awareness Month
- f) Upcoming Alcohol Awareness Month
- g) Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement Reminder

Chair Shapiro greeted the new Montgomery County Planning Board members, Commissioners Hedrick and Bartley, who said they looked forward to working with the Commission and staff and would do their best to make decisions to improve the lives of residents for both counties.

Commissioner Doerner noted that today was the first day of registration for the Prince George’s County Summer Youth Programs. He directed people to register through the pgparks.com or mncppc.org websites for an outstanding Recreation brochure that lists activities for summer camps. He provided examples of the wide variety of activities available and said sessions run June 26 through August 18, adding that before and aftercare are also available.

ITEM 4 COMMITTEE MINUTES/BOARD REPORTS (for information only)

- a) Employees Retirement Association Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 7, 2023

ITEM 5 OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Executive Director’s Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report (February 2022) (For information only)
- b) Quarterly Budget Transfers (For information only)
- c) Quarterly MFD Report (For information only)

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

No report scheduled

General Counsel’s Report

- d) Litigation Report (For information only).
- e) Legislative Update. General Counsel Borden briefed the new Commissioners on the agency’s involvement with the legislative session, adding the M-NCPPC carefully selects the legislation that impacts the agency before working with our county councils and county executives to provide input.

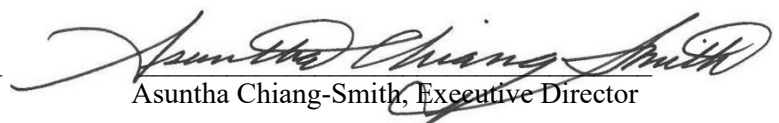
She provided updates on the agency’s involvement with proposed legislation, including recommending extensive amendments to SB 526 Forest Conservation Bill, which proposed a major restructuring of the Forest Conservation Act. She explained the issues with the bill, and the agency’s position, and said the legal department has been working intensively with sponsors on a wide variety of amendments. She said the sponsors have been helpful and responsive and the redraft expected from the Office of Legislative Services is expected to meet all concerns. She thanked Environmental Planning staff from both counties, whose work has been outstanding. Commissioner Hedrick asked for more information about terminology, which General Counsel Borden said was best addressed in the code which provides a robust legal definition. She will transmit the code to Commissioners for their review and answer any questions.

The General Counsel’s Office is still working on several other bills. General Counsel Borden said she is happy to discuss any of them with Commissioners and accept any suggestions or criticism. An annual legislative update is planned for the April Commission meeting, where she will present a retrospective on the legislative session.

Chair Shapiro and the Commissioners thanked General Counsel Borden for her work and for keeping them up-to-date and well-informed.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 10:44 pm.


James F. Adams, Senior Technical Writer


Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director