



Commission Meeting
Open Session Minutes
June 19, 2019

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met at the Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium in Silver Spring, Maryland.

PRESENT

Prince George's County Commissioners
Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chair
Dorothy Bailey
William Doerner

Montgomery County Commissioners
Casey Anderson, Vice-Chair
Gerald Cichy
Norman Dreyfuss

NOT PRESENT

Manuel Geraldo
A. Shuanise Washington

Natali Fani-Gonzalez
Tina Patterson

Chair Hewlett convened the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA

ACTION: Motion of Doerner to approve the Commission agenda
Seconded by Bailey
6 approved the motion

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Open Session – May 1, 2019

ACTION: Motion of Bailey to approve the Commission minutes
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

Closed Session – May 1, 2019 Requires Re-vote with quorum. Commissioner Dreyfuss was absent for the session and could not approve.

ITEM 3 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) June is National Caribbean American Heritage Month
- b) June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. Chair Hewlett added the Commission celebrates diversity and noted the M-NCPPC was a leader in the region for same sex partner rights and welcomes everyone into the agency.
- c) National Men's Health Education Month. Chair Hewlett urged men to take care of themselves and encouraged women to nudge the men in their lives to care for their health.
- d) June 19 is "Juneteenth" a celebration commemorating arrival of the news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas in June of 1863, more than two years after the proclamation, resulting in a huge celebration June 19, which continues each year. The
- e) M-NCPPC had its big celebration at Watkins Park on Saturday June 15. Chair Hewlett said we cannot forget those important moments of our history.
- f) Chair Hewlett announced this is the last Full Commission meeting for Commissioner Dreyfuss and commended his service with the Commission for nearly a decade.

Commissioners added their comments and thanks for Commissioner Dreyfuss's service. Commissioner Dreyfuss responded with thanks, saying he respected his colleagues and enjoyed his service here.

ITEM 4 COMMITTEE MINUTES/BOARD REPORTS (For Information Only)

- a) Executive Committee – Open Session – June 5, 2019
- b) Executive Committee – Closed Session – June 5, 2019
- c) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Meeting – March 5, 2019
- d) Employees' Retirement System Special Board of Trustees Meeting – April 26, 2019

ITEM 5 ACTION AND PRESENTATION ITEMS (taken out of order)

- a) Resolution #19-05 Resolution for Adoption of the Approved Veirs Mill Master Plan (McVary)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-05
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion
- b) Resolution #19-13 Resolution for Adoption MARC Rail Plan (Weaver)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-13
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion
- c) Resolution #19-14 Approval Land Exchange Between M-NCCPPC and City of Takoma Park (Sandberg)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-14
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion
- d) Resolution #19-12 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Commission Operating Budget and Capital Budget (Kroll)
Corporate Budget Director Kroll presented the item for adoption. Chair Hewlett commended Mr. Kroll on his thorough work.
ACTION: Motion of Bailey to approve Resolution #19-12
Seconded by Dreyfuss
6 approved the motion
- e) Resolution #19-10, FY20 Wage Adjustments for Certain Non-Represented Merit System and Term Contract Employees (Bennett)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-10
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- f) Resolution #19-06, FY20 Wage Reopener Agreement for MCGEO Bargaining Unit Members (Bennett)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-06
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- g) Resolution #19-07, FY20 Wage Reopener Agreement for Fraternal Order of Police Bargaining Unit Members (Bennett)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-07
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- h) Resolution #19-08, FY20 Pay Increment Adjustment for Seasonal/intermittent Employees (Bennett)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-08
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- i) Resolution #19-09, FY20 Cost of Living Adjustment for Park Police Candidates (Bennett)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-09
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- j) Resolution #19-04, Health Insurance Premium Holiday for FY20 (Kroll)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-04
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- k) Budget Transfer for reclassification Marker (Kroll)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the transfer
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- l) Resolution #19-11, Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 115 Trust/OPEB – Employer Contribution for Retiree Group Health Insurance (Zimmerman)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve Resolution #19-11
 Seconded by Doerner
 6 approved the motion

- m) Revised Salary Savings Memo for Finance Department (Zimmerman)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the request.
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- n) Approve Daniel Singh for the Montgomery County Open Trustee to the Board of Trustees for the Term Ending June 30, 2022 (Rose)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the Appointment
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- o) Approve the Reappointment of Amy Millar as the Municipal and County Government Employees' Organization Representative for the Term Ending June 30, 2022 (Rose)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the Reappointment
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- p) Approve the Reappointment of Howard Brown as the Fraternal Order of Police Representative for the Term Ending June 30, 2022 (Rose)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the Reappointment
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- q) Approve the Reappointment of Elizabeth M. Hewlett as the Prince George's County Commissioner to the Board of Trustees for the Term Ending June 30, 2022
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the Reappointment
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

- r) Employees' Retirement System FY20 Operating Budget (Rose)
Resolution approved without discussion.
ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the Budget
Seconded by Doerner
6 approved the motion

s) Adjustment to ERS-BOT Public Member Stipend (Bennett/Rose)

Acting Executive Director presented to the Commission, a request to adjust the expense stipend for the two public members on the Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees serve as fiduciaries for the Employees' Retirement System

Employees' Retirement System (ERS) Board of Trustees consists of 11 appointed and elected members. Trustees serve for three-year terms. Trustees also serve on one of three subcommittees which may meet up to six times per year. Trustees serve without compensation although the reimbursement of expenses is permissible. Only the two public members are eligible for an expense stipend due to the enormous time commitment and leave they must generally take from their primary outside responsibilities.

The public members receive a per diem expense allowance for attendance at regular and special Board meetings that has been periodically adjusted by the Commission. The present per diem is \$125 and last adjusted in 2014. Matters before the Trustees have become significantly more complex and Trustees play an important role in the implementation of regulatory mandates and the oversight of investment managers and decisions that come before them. The Board's subcommittee responsibilities also have become time-intensive and often require the same time commitment as regular Board meetings. It is critical the ERS attract and retain highly skilled public members with investment/market and governance experience.

Chair Hewlett echoed that serving on the Board is an extensive commitment -- for the meetings and also in preparation for them. She also noted each Trustee is required to pay for insurance. Commissioners supported an adjustment stating that it was reasonable considering the extensive time commitment and needed expertise. Commissioners approved that the public member per diem stipend be moved to \$150 for regular, special board meetings, and subcommittee meetings.

ACTION: Motion of Dreyfuss to approve the adjustment
Seconded by Doerner
6 Approved the motion

ITEM 7

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- a) Executive Director's Report (For information only)
Employee Evaluations Not Completed by Due Date (April 2019)
- b) Secretary Treasurer (For information only)
MFD Purchasing Statistics Third Quarter
- c) General Counsel (For information only)
Litigation Report – January 2019 – FY19
Annual Legislative Update.

General Counsel Gardner wished to alert Commissioners that the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to issue its final decision on the case with the American Humanist Association regarding the Bladensburg Peace Cross as early as tomorrow or by early next week. The M-NCPPC is looking forward to a favorable result.

General Counsel Gardner also wished to call attention to 3 items in the Legislative Update:

1. Bill labeled MC/PG 103. The Municipal Zoning Bill in Montgomery County did not pass. It would have enabled every municipality in Montgomery County to have additional supermajority requirements for decisions of the Planning Board. He wished to acknowledge the efforts of Vice-Chair Anderson, who made a big difference on prevailing against the bill.
2. HB 1279, M-NCPPC Procurement Source Selection passed. The bill reauthorizes the agency to have a procurement preference program for Minority Businesses consistent with the State. It required the M-NCPPC to implement a process through new regulations. The agency is working to identify a consultant to help with the necessary study.
3. General Counsel Gardner noted a successful year for Program Open Space. The M-NCPPC achieved an additional \$16.1M in additional Program Open Space funding.

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Hewlett called for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Dreyfuss motioned, Commissioner Bailey seconded, 6 approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.



James F. Adams, Administrative Specialist II



Anju A. Bennett, Acting Executive Director