



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting
Open Session Minutes
October 18, 2023

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in hybrid, in-person/videoconference, with the Chair initiating the meeting at the Prince George's Parks and Recreation Administration Headquarters Auditorium in Riverdale, Maryland. The meeting was broadcast by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

PRESENT

Prince George's County Commissioners

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

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Vice Chair
Shawn Bartley
James Hedrick
Mitra Pedoeem

NOT PRESENT

Josh Linden

Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA

ACTION: See item 2

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Open Session – 9/20/23

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to adopt the 10/18/23 Agenda
and 9/20/23 Open Session Minutes

Seconded by Bailey

9 approved the 10/18/23 agenda

9 approved the 9/20/23 minutes

ITEM 3 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Breast Cancer Awareness Month

b) National Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Awareness Month

c) National AIDS Awareness Month

d) Hiring People with Disabilities Month

e) National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

f) National Stop Bullying Month

g) Italian American, German American, and Polish American Heritage Month

ITEM 4 COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS (For Information Only)

- a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023

ITEM 5 ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a) Resolution 23-18 Adoption of the 115 Trust Investment Plan (Cohen)

Secretary-Treasurer Cohen presented the item to Commissioners as reflected in the packet.
No questions.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to adopt and Policies and Procedures Manual and Resolution 23-18

Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick
9 voted in favor

- b) Resolution 23-21 Edward U. Taylor Elementary School: An Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation (Liebertz)

No questions.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to adopt Resolution 23-21

Seconded by Vice Chair Harris
9 voted in favor

- c) Resolution 23-23 Land Exchange in Westphalia Central Park (Sun)

No questions.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Washington to adopt Resolution 23-23

Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo
9 voted in favor

- d) Recommendation for Appointment of Audax Management company, LLC as a new Investment manager for the Employees' Retirement System (Rose)

No questions.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to approve the appointment

Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick
9 voted in favor

- e) Proposed Amendments to Practices Defining the Organization and Functions of the County Planning Board Offices and Planning Departments (Practices 1-50A, 1-50B, 1-60A and 1-60B) (Harvin/Beckham)

CPMO Director Harvin and Policy Manager Beckham presented to Commissioners as reflected in the packet.

Commissioner Doerner suggested amending the language of the practices to include encouraging healthy lifestyles, to echo language from the Montgomery Parks Practice. Policy staff agreed such a change could be made and will work with directors to amend the other practices.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to approve the Practice amendments, including edited language as suggested.

Seconded by Commissioner Harris

9 voted in favor

- f) Proposed Updates to 2024 Benefits Rates and Plan Design changes (Spencer/McDonald)
Benefits Manager McDonald requested Commissioners consider and approve proposed rate changes for calendar 2024, summarizing material reflected in the packet, including a new program on a voluntary enrollment of an “everyday benefits” program, to be launched in January 2024. Open enrollment starts on Monday, October 23 with a live platform online, plus three workshops, including one for retirees. US Mail notices will also be sent next week.

Ms. McDonald explained a chart which explained the past trends of the agency’s self-insurance fund since 2012, broken down by which costs were funded by employees versus the M-NCPPC. Vice Chair Harris said the chart was very helpful, and asked if future reports could contain a percent increase from a previous year. Ms. McDonald said she could update the chart and send it to Commissioners and staff.

Executive Director Chiang-Smith thanked leadership from the Municipal and County Government Employees’ Organization Collective Bargaining group for their input and support in discussions with Kaiser Permanente to lower the amount of the health insurance cost increase for the Kaiser plan from a 35% increase to a 5% increase.

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Washington to approve the plan design changes and 2024 Rates

Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo

9 voted in favor

- g) Inspector General’s Annual Report and Audit Committee Annual Report (Kenney/Bailey)
Inspector General Kenney presented a summary of the reports to the Commission. Commissioner Bailey thanked Ms. Kenney for her outstanding job leading the Audit Committee and introduced the public members of the Committee, Mr. Benjamin Williams and Ms. Erin White.

6. Closed Session (11:15 a.m.)

Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b)(1), (8), (12) and (15), a closed session is proposed to (i) to discuss confidential personnel matters; (ii) to discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct; (iii) to discuss actual or possible litigation; and (iv) to discuss cybersecurity matters that pose a risk to: 1. security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; 2. network security information; and 3. deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices, in order to protect public safety.

NOTE: The item addressing Section 3-305(b)(1), (8), and (12) was removed from the agenda during closed session. Closed session only consisted of 3-305(b)15 for cybersecurity items.

Commissioner Geraldo moved to enter closed session; Commissioner Bailey seconded at 10:51.

Open session resumed at 11:34 am.

ITEM 7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report, September 2023 (For Information Only)
- b) CIO's Report (For Information Only)


Secretary-Treasurer's Report

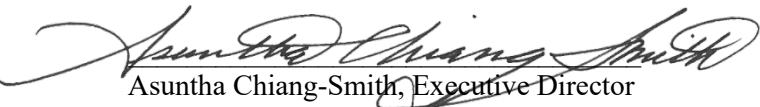
No report scheduled

General Counsel's Report

- c) Litigation Report (For information only)

With no other business to discuss, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.


James Adams, Senior Technical Writer


Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director