



Commission Meeting  
Open Session Minutes  
February 21, 2024

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in hybrid, in-person/videoconference, with the Chair initiating the meeting at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building 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

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Vice Chair  
Shawn Bartley  
James Hedrick  
Josh Linden  
Mitra Pedoeem

NOT PRESENT

Manuel Geraldo  
A. Shuanise Washington

Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ITEM 1      APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA  
ACTION: See item 2

ITEM 2      APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES  
Open Session – 1/17/24  
Motion by Vice Chair Harris to adopt the 2/21/24 Agenda and  
1/17/24 Open Session Minutes  
Seconded by Commissioner Bailey  
Pedoeem abstained  
Hedrick supported (post-vote – technical issues)

7 approved the 2/21/24 agenda  
7 approved the 1/17/24 minutes

ITEM 3      GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) National Blood Donor Month
- b) American / National Heart Month
- c) M-NCPPC Black History Month
- d) Upcoming Women's History Month
- e) Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement Reminder
- f) Commission Service Awards for Employees celebrating 25+ years of service

Chair Shapiro also shared a video provided by Bill Foelsch, representing the American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration, congratulating the M-NCPPC on receiving the National Gold Medal finalist award, the premier national award recognizing agencies for their outstanding parks and recreation administration throughout the United States.

After the video, Chair Shapiro and Vice-Chair Harris thanked the American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration and National Parks and Recreation Administration and said they were proud to receive the finalist plaque for excellence in Parks and Recreation Administration. Chair Shapiro said the road to the award is no easy feat and would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of hundreds of M-NCPPC staff and volunteers.

ITEM 4 COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023.

ITEM 5 ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a) Diversity Council Annual Report & Diversity Council Membership Update (Outgoing 2022-23 / Incoming 2024-2025 Members)

Ms. Genevieve Jennai, outgoing co-chair of the Diversity Council presented the Diversity Council's 2023 Annual Report, as included in the packet.

Commissioner Bartley commended Diversity Council for their work, particularly on their work with inclusivity, citing advances in gender-neutral language in the agency's forms and materials. Chair Shapiro shared his appreciation for incoming/outgoing members and their support of the M-NCPPC's mission. The chairs recognized that the Council's work makes the M-NCPPC stronger and helps the agency deliver more effective services, making it a more welcome and inclusive workplace.

ITEM 6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report, January 2024 (For Information Only)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

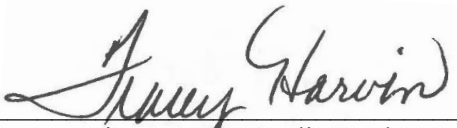
*No report scheduled*

General Counsel's Report

- b) Litigation Report (For information only)

With no other business to discuss, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

  
James Adams, Senior Technical Writer

  
Tracey Harvin, Corporate Policy and Management  
Operations Director, for  
Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director