



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

Commission Meeting  
Open Session Minutes  
July 17, 2024

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in a hybrid format, from the Wheaton Headquarters Auditorium in Wheaton, and virtually via videoconference. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery Planning Department.

PRESENT

Montgomery County Commissioners

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

Prince George's County Commissioners

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

NOT PRESENT

William Doerner

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ITEM 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

Vice Chair Shapiro thanked everyone for their support since he assumed the chairmanship of the M-NCPPC and thanked incoming Chair Artie Harris before handing over the gavel and floor to him.

Chair Harris thanked Vice Chair Shapiro for his leadership of the agency for nearly 2 years, along with the other Commissioners and their ongoing commitment to the people they serve in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. For nearly 100 years, the M-NCPPC has helped to improve residents' quality of life through developing strategies which strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and create welcoming communities for all to live, work and thrive. He acknowledged new challenges facing the agency and the region – from the housing crisis to threats to natural environment, to ensuring safe and reliable transportation modes, we are at a crossroads to determine the future of the region. He said he is prepared to take bold action to ensure that our children and grandchildren can flourish and thrive. This is why this bi-county Commission matters, and we are uniquely positioned to develop innovative and effective strategies to accomplish the goal.

ITEM 2 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of 7/17/24 Commission Meeting Agenda – Chair Harris noted a numbering discrepancy in the resolution numbers as listed on the agenda. They are correct in the packet.
- b) Resolution 24-06 Mutual Aid Agreement between M-NCPPC and the University of Maryland College Park Police Department
- c) Resolution 24-17 Minor Master Plan Amendment and Concurrent Sectional Map Amendment to the 1989 Master Plan and Sectional map Amendment for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt-and Vicinity
- d) Resolution 24-18 Perpetual Access Easement to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at Beltsville Community Center

- e) Resolution 24-19 Perpetual Access Easement to Prince George’s County at Westphalia Central Park

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Washington to approve items on the Consent Agenda  
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo  
9 approved the items

ITEM 2            APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Commission Minutes – Open Session 6/12/24
- ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Bailey to approve the 6/12/24 minutes  
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo  
5 approved the items  
Commissioners Bartley, Linden, Geraldo, Washington abstained  
Commissioner Doerner absent

ITEM 4            GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Bereaved Parents’ Month
- b) Upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15)
- c) Commission in recess for August. Next scheduled meeting is September 18
- d) Chair Harris noted the excellent performance *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, presented by the Prince George’s County’s Shakespeare in the Parks series, which he attended last weekend.

ITEM 5            COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- a) Employees’ Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2024 (for information only)

*Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b)(9), a closed session is proposed to consider matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations with the Municipal County and Government Employees’ Organization and Fraternal Order of Police bargaining units to preserve the Commission’s negotiation position.*

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to enter Closed Session  
Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick  
9 approved

ITEM 6            CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 10:20 am, where Commissioners approved the last closed session minutes and Acting Executive Director Spencer briefed Commissioners on the status of negotiations with MCGEO and the FOP Collective Bargaining Units.

Open Session resumed at 10:34 am

ITEM 7            ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a) Combined M-NCPPC Wage Resolutions
  - i. Resolution 24-12 Wage Adjustments and 3-Year Contract for Employees Represented by the Municipal and County Government Employees Association (MCGEO) Collective Bargaining Unit
  - ii. Resolution 24-13 Wage Adjustments for Non-Represented Merit and Term Contract Employees
  - iii. Resolution 24-14 Wage Adjustments for Seasonal/Intermittent Employees

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to adopt the Wage Resolutions  
Second by Commissioner Hedrick  
9 in favor

b) Health and Benefits Changes and Updates

Corporate HR Director Todd Allen introduced Benefits Manager Jennifer McDonald, who provided a briefing of the outcome for recent insurance bids in cooperation with Montgomery County Public Schools and WSSC for the agency's Life Insurance, Dental, and Disabilities Benefits plans.

- Dental: No changes in premiums through December 2028
- Basic Life Insurance: Decrease in premiums through December 2029, resulting in saving \$53,000 annually.
- Other Insurance:
  - AD&D and Independent Life Insurance No changes in premium rates until December 2029, including various enhancements to the coverage.
  - Short-Term Disability Insurance: Decrease in premiums of 9.8% through December 2028, resulting in \$106,000 in annual savings.
  - Supplemental Life Insurance: Decrease in the premiums rates through the end of 2028, resulting in saving \$21,000 annually.

Other recommended changes included waiving contributions to the Employees' Sick Leave Bank for returning members and ending the Domestic Partner Benefits program (allowing current participants to be grandfathered).

These changes were supported by the Department Heads and will be approved and promulgated by the Executive Director's Office.

ITEM 8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report, June 2024. Acting Executive Director Spencer noted a slight uptick in late evaluations, due to advice of DHRM to hold evaluations until the wage adjustment resolutions were adopted. They should now be ready to be processed and cleared.
- b) CIO's Quarterly Report (For Information Only)

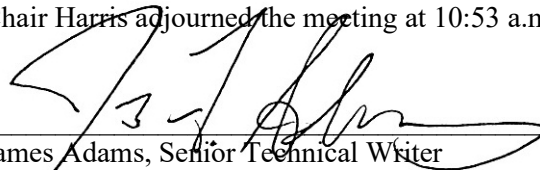
Secretary-Treasurer's Report

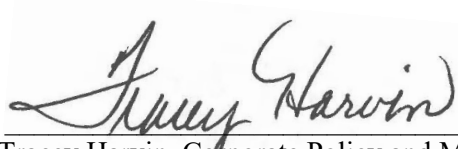
*No report scheduled*

General Counsel's Report

- c) Litigation Report (For information only)

Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

  
James Adams, Senior Technical Writer

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