



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

M-NCPPC Resolution No. 22-33

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ADRIAN R. GARDNER

WHEREAS, Adrian R. Gardner has commendably served the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for 22 years, in the capacity of General Counsel and as the Director of the Office of General Counsel (Legal Department); and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure Adrian R. Gardner shared his extensive legal experience and knowledge to help guide and advocate for the Commission in a vast array of matters including, federal and state litigation, complex legislative matters, navigating financial and budget solutions, and far-reaching policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, in his role of General Counsel, Adrian R. Gardner drew upon his notable career experience—including an executive role in local government and more than 10 years of private law practice—to lead a team of 28 attorneys and administrative staff in the Office of the General Counsel and work with, and serve, as counsel to 40 Commissioners and 10 Chairmen of the bi-county agency delivering innovative community planning services and first-class parks and recreation programs within Montgomery and Prince George’s counties; and

WHEREAS, over the years and as an extension of his esteemed talents, Adrian R. Gardner guided the agency through noteworthy achievements including M-NCPPC’s successful defense in litigation involving the Bladensburg Memorial Peace Cross Case culminating at the United States Supreme Court where the Court ruled that the World War I memorial did not violate the establishment clause; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his forward-thinking leadership skills, Adrian R. Gardner played an instrumental role in many timely initiatives including the effort to define the process of implementing COVID-19 vaccination requirements within the Commission and workplace and M-NCPPC becoming one of the first agencies in the State of Maryland to establish health and employment benefits for domestic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of his professional commitment, Adrian R. Gardner demonstrated his highly regarded expertise as an adjunct professor in Local Government Law and as a member of numerous civic, charitable, and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Adrian R. Gardner; is retiring from the Commission and will be sorely missed by his colleagues and many friends for his sense of humor, diligence, and wholistic approach to representing and advocating for the Commission and its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission congratulates Adrian R. Gardner on his dedicated service and his retirement; and extends best wishes, happiness, and luck in future endeavors.

APPROVED FOR
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Debra S. Borden

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 22-33 adopted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Cichy, seconded by Commissioner Doerner, with Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Shapiro, Commissioners Cichy, Doerner, Patterson, Rubin, Verma and Washington voting in favor of the motion, with Commissioners Bailey and Geraldo absent at its special meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 via video-conference, and broadcast by the Montgomery Planning Department.

Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director