



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting  
Open Session Minutes  
May 17, 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 County Parks and Recreation Administration 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

Jeffrey Zyontz, Vice Chair  
Shawn Bartley  
James Hedrick (arrived 10:16a)  
Mitra Pedoeem

NOT PRESENT

Roberto Piñero

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

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA

Chair Shapiro moved discussion item 6i from open session to closed session  
ACTION: See item 2

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Open Session – April 17, 2023  
Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to pass the 5.17.23 Agenda (as amended)  
and 4.19.23 Open Session Minutes  
Seconded by Commissioner Doerner  
8 approved the 5.17.23 agenda (as amended)  
8 approved the 4.19.23 minutes  
Hedrick and Piñero absent for vote.

ITEM 3 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) National Prevention Week (Mental and/or Substance Use Disorders) May 8-14
- b) National Fitness Month/Fitness Days
- c) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- d) Jewish-American Heritage Month
- e) Military Appreciation Month

ITEM 4 CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b)(7) & (9), a closed session is proposed to consult with counsel to obtain legal

advice concerning the M-NCPPC's open COVID-19 related EEOC cases and the potential impact of the May 11, 2023, end date of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on those cases; and consider matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations in order to protect and promote the public interest by preserving privileged and confidential deliberations required to manage ongoing collective bargaining negotiations with the Municipal and County Government Employees' Organization.

Chair Shapiro requested a motion to move the meeting to Executive Session.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to enter closed session  
Seconded by Commissioner Bailey  
8 approved  
Hedrick and Piñero absent for vote.

The following individuals were also present (in person or via videoconference):

Also present:

Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director  
Gavin Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer  
Debra Borden, General Counsel  
Suzanne King, Acting Director, Prince George's Planning  
Bill Tyler, Director, Prince George's Parks and Recreation  
Mike Riley, Director, Montgomery Parks  
Tanya Stern, Acting Director, Montgomery Planning

James Adams, Senior Technical Writer, DHRM  
Mazen Chilet, Chief Information Officer  
Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director, Montgomery Parks  
Tracey Harvin, Corporate Policy and Management Operations Director  
John Kroll, Corporate Budget Director  
Robert Kronenberg, Deputy Director, Montgomery Planning  
Alvin McNeal, Deputy Director, Prince George's Parks and Recreation  
Dana Philips, Chief of Staff, Prince George's Planning Board  
Wanda Ramos, Deputy Director, Prince George's Parks and Recreation  
William Spencer, Acting Deputy Executive Director

Open session adjourned and re-convened in closed session at 10:13 a.m.  
Open session resumed at 11:12 a.m.

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

- i) Based on discussion in closed session, Commissioner Washington moved to remove the M-NCPPC's COVID-19 vaccination mandate effective July 1. Commissioner Bailey seconded. Commissioner Hedrick asked to include a COVID shot/booster in our flu clinics and to track the effect of removing the mandate.

ACTION  
Motion of Commissioner Washington to remove the mandate, effective July 1  
Seconded by Commissioner Bailey  
8 voted in favor  
1 against (Hedrick)

1 absent (Piñero)

- a) Resolution 23-07 Wage Adjustments for Employees Represented by the Municipal County Government Employees Association (MCGEO)  
See Item 5c.
- b) Resolution 23-08 FY24 Wage Adjustments for non-represented Merit and Term Contract Employees  
See Item 5c.
- c) Resolution 23-09 FY24 Wage Adjustments for Seasonal and Intermittent Employees

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to approve Resolutions 23-07, 23-08, and 23-09 (items a, b and c).

Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick

9 voted in favor

- d) Resolution 23-10 Recommendation for Approval of the FY2024 Operating Budget for the Employees' Retirement System

Vice Chair Zyontz asked for explanation for the increase in contractual services for the budget. Administrator Rose replied, at the request of the board, the ERS is contracting a comprehensive organizational study to examine the staffing requirements compared to peers, develop a performance evaluation policy and key performance indicators for staff and the administrator's position. Vice Chair Zyontz approved.

Vice Chair Zyontz acknowledged in the interest of conflict disclosure, that he is a member of the Employees' Retirement System and a recipient of retirement payments.

See item 5f.

- e) Recommendation for the Prince George's County Public Member and the Montgomery County Public Member of the Employees' Retirement System (Rose)  
See item 5f.
- f) Recommendation to Acknowledge the Bi-County Open Trustee for the Employees' Retirement System (Rose)

ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to approve Resolution 23-10, approve the public member recommendations and acknowledge the Bi-County trustee member recommendation (items d, e and f).

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey

9 voted in favor

- g) Resolution 23-11 Disposition of 7800-7810 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD (Sandberg)  
Vice Chair Zyontz said this was approved before the former Montgomery County Planning Board, which recommended in a 3-2 vote to support. He added the votes against were only a matter of wanting more time to review. He said the disposition is sound and he does not have any issues. Commissioner Bartley clarified that public comment is just and needed and normally he would want a longer comment period, but conceded the urgency that was

communicated has persuaded him to vote in support.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Vice Chair Zyontz to approve Resolution 23-11.

Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo

9 voted in favor

- h) Resolution 23-12 Disposition of Oak Crest Community Center (Capitol Hts) to the DPWT&T (Sun)

No discussion.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Commissioner Geraldo to approve Resolution 23-12.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey

9 voted in favor

**ITEM 5      OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Executive Director's Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report (April 2022) (For information only)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- b) Quarterly Investment Report

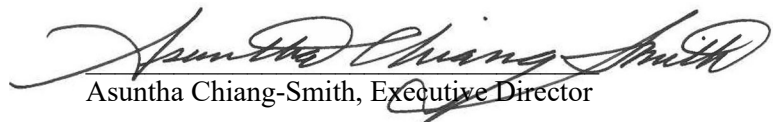
General Counsel's Report

- c) Litigation Report (For information only)

Chair Shapiro said it has been a pleasure to work with Vice-Chair Zyontz, who is attending his last Commission meeting today. Other Commissioners added their fond farewells. Vice-Chair Zyontz thanked his colleagues, adding this is an amazing way to step into retirement.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

  
James F. Adams, Senior Technical Writer

  
Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director