



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

Commission Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met via videoconference with the Chair initiating the meeting at the Montgomery County Park and Planning Headquarters in Wheaton, Maryland. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery County Planning Department.

PRESENT

Prince George's County Commissioners

Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chair
Dorothy Bailey
William Doerner
Manuel Geraldo
A. Shuanise Washington

Montgomery County Commissioners

Casey Anderson, Vice-Chair
Gerald Cichy
Natali Fani-Gonzalez
Tina Patterson

NOT PRESENT

Partap Verma

Chair Hewlett called meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Item 1: Approval of Commission Agenda

Amend agenda so that item 6 and item 9 are moved up to follow item 3, general announcements.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

9 approved the motion.

Commissioner Verma was not in attendance for this vote.

Item 2: Approval of Commission Minutes

Open Session – May 19, 2021

Closed Session – May 19, 2021

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

9 approved the motion.

Commissioner Verma was not in attendance for this vote.

Item 3: General Announcements

Item 3a: National Caribbean American Heritage Month

Item 3b: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month

Item 3c: Juneteenth, June 19, 2021

Additional Announcements:

- It is National Men's Health month and currently, National Men's Health week.
- Happy early Birthday to Deputy General Counsel, Debra Borden
- Happy 60th Birthday to General Counsel, Adrian Gardner

Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b) (7) & (9), a closed session is proposed to discuss public security issues related to the agency's information systems, consider matters that relate to negotiation, and consult with counsel for legal advice.

Chair Hewlett asked for a motion to move to closed session. Commissioner Geraldo moved, Vice Chair Anderson seconded. All 9 Commissioners in attendance voted for the measure and the meeting moved to closed session at 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Verma was not in attendance for this vote; however, joined the closed session.

Following closed session, Commissioners voted to return to open session at 12:05 pm. Commissioners Partap Verma and Tina Patterson did not join the second open session.

Item 4: Committee Minutes/Board Reports

- a) Executive Committee Meeting – Open Session, June 2, 2021
- b) Executive Committee Meeting – Closed Session, June 2, 2021
- c) Employees’ Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, May 4, 2021

Item 5: Action and Presentation Items

5a) Policy Approval – Merit Board Recommendations for Minor Updates to Sick Leave Policy to Comply with Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

No discussion.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Cichy to approve.

Seconded by Commissioner Doerner.

8 approved the motion. Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote

5b) Resolution 21-09, Approval of FY22 Employer Contribution for Retiree Group Health Insurance (115 Trust)

Standard annual resolution, no additional discussion.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Washington to approve.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

8 approved the motion.

Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote

5c) Resolution 21-10, Adoption of the FY22 Commission Operating and Capital Budgets

John Kroll reviewed changes of note, all of which pertained to the final balancing of the Montgomery County budget. Montgomery County:

- Reduced the two tax rates for the administration fund and the park fund;
- Increased the use of the fund balance in the administration fund, decreased the use of the fund balance in the park fund; and
- Transferred \$225,000 from the administration fund to the park fund for final balancing.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

8 approved the motion.

Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote

5d) Approval for the FY2022 Operating Budget for the Employees’ Retirement System

No discussion.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Cichy to approve.

Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

8 approved the motion.

5e) Commission’s Response to I-495 / I-270 Managed Lanes Study

- i. Revised Recommended Preferred Alternative: Alternative 9 for Phase 1 South, the American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-370 with no action at this time on I-495 east of the I-270 eastern spur; and

- ii. Internal process moving forward.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Cichy to approve.
Seconded by Commissioner Anderson
8 approved the motion.
Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote.

5f) Resolution 21-13, Grant Application: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

Kristin Maneval from the Office of General Counsel asked the Commission for approval to submit an application for \$20 million to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Motion by Commission Washington to approve.
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo.
8 approved the motion.
Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote.

Item 7: Collective Bargaining/Compensation Resolutions

- a) Resolution 21-11 FOP
ACTION: Motion by Commission Washington to approve.
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo.
8 approved the motion.
Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote.

- b) Resolution 21-12 Park Police Command Staff
ACTION: Motion by Commission Washington to approve.
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo.
8 approved the motion.
Commissioners Patterson and Verma were not in attendance for this vote.

Item 8: Officers' Reports

Executive Director's Report

- a) Late Evaluation Report, April 2021 (For Information Only)

Secretary Treasurer

- b) Investment Report – 3rd Quarter

General Counsel

- c) Litigation Report (For Information Only)

Chairman Hewlett adjourned the meeting at 12:31 pm.



Nina Ward, covering for Technical Writer James Adams



Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director