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Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM 8
April 23, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council, which outlines accomplishments and current work program items.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
Gwen Wright, Director, Planning Department
Mike Riley, Director, Parks Department

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Review Planning Department and Department of Parks accomplishments and work program, providing any input on work program items.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council typically occurs in the spring and fall each year. It is an opportunity for the Board to brief the Council on the accomplishments of the Parks and Planning Departments and provide an update on work program items. In past years, the Semi-Annual Report was transmitted to the Council as a multi-page booklet with photographs and descriptions of the Departments' major achievements. Due to the abbreviated time for preparation and the Council's unique budget schedule this spring, the Semi-Annual Report will be provided to the Council in the form of a presentation.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Semi-Annual Report also includes an update of the master plans and studies in progress, and any proposed changes to their delivery (attached on © 2 update, © 3 approved).
- The General Plan Update and the I-270 Transit Corridor Plan remain on schedule, and the Complete Streets Design Guidelines shows only a three-month delay.
- Other changes from the FY20 approved work program chart¹ include:
 - Delays of five to 11 month for several work program items.
 - The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment shows the greatest delay of 11 months.

¹ And the Planning Board approved work program schedule as transmitted with the Proposed FY21 Annual Budget

- The Ashton Minor Master Plan Amendment, Silver Spring Master Plan and the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, all show an eight-month delay.
- Much of the master plan delay is related to the impact of COVID-19. Master plan efforts such as community engagement, traffic studies, and retail/market studies will not operate as normal for at least the next few months.
- Two new master plans, a Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment and a Fairland/Briggs Chaney Minor Master Plan Amendment, both show a delay in delivery since the Planning Board approval of the FY21 Annual Budget.
- Since these plans are not yet approved, a delay is meaningless; however, the proposed delivery dates for both minor amendments conflict with the Council's ability to approve zoning changes in an election year. The delivery dates for these plans should be adjusted such that one Council reviews the plans for adoption.

This report contains:

Outline of Presentation	© 1
Updated Work Program Chart	© 2
Work Program as submitted in the Proposed FY21 Annual Budget	© 3

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Outline for MNCPPC's Spring 2020 Semi-Annual Report

Planning Department:

Keeping Montgomery Planning work moving during COVID-19

- DRC Virtual Meetings
- Planning Board Virtual Meetings
- Virtual Collaboration with Internal and External Stakeholders

Planning's role in supporting economic activity and helping the recovery effort

- Research and Special Projects – think tank of the County
- International Retail Study
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Purple Line Walkshed/Job shed analysis with PLCC
- Advancing the Pike District
- Thrive Montgomery 2050
- Subdivision Staging Policy
- Corridor Forward Plan
- Silver Spring Master Plan
- Fairland/Briggs Chaney Plan
- Takoma Park MMA

Parks Department:

- The COVID-19 current reality in our parks
- Communication tools & strategies for residents on safe use of parks
- Opening parkways to people
- How to explore parks from home
- Trail & Vision Zero accomplishments
- Capital Improvements Program project highlights
- Volunteer & accessibility achievements
- Park activation & planning for the future

Master Plan & Major Projects	2020					2021					2022					2023																					
	FY21										FY22										FY23																
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Germantown Plan for Town Sector Zone																																					
Complete Streets Design Guide/Roadway Functional Class System																																					
Shady Grove Sector Plan - Minor Master Plan Amendment																																					
Ashton Minor Master Plan Amendment																																					
General Plan Update																																					
Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update																																					
Great Seneca Science Corridor Plan Amendment																																					
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Preserving Community Value of Ethnically Diverse Retail Centers																																					
White Flint Sector Plan's Metrorail Station Area - Ten Year Check Up																																					
Predictive Safety Analysis																																					
Urban Loading and Delivery Management Study																																					
Mixed Use Development: Current Status and Future Trends																																					
Equity Opportunity Index																																					
Historic Preservation at 40																																					

FY21 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule
October 2019

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