



Montgomery
County Council

Committee: Directly to Council

Committee Review: N/A

Staff: Pamela Dunn, Sr. Legislative Analyst

Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected

Keywords: Planning, Parks, Semi-Annual

AGENDA ITEM 4

October 22, 2019

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
Natali Fani-Gonzalez, Vice Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
Tina Patterson, Montgomery County Planning Board
Gerald Cichy, Montgomery County Planning Board
Partap Verma, Montgomery County Planning Board
Gwen Wright, Director, Planning Department
Mike Riley, Director, Parks Department
John Nissel, Deputy Director of Operations, Parks Department
Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director of Administration, Parks Department
Robert Kronenberg, Deputy Director, Planning Department
Tanya Stern, Deputy Director, Planning 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 time and resource-intensive nature of providing this document, it was decided that the fall report would be provided to the Council in the form of a presentation. The spring Semi-Annual report will remain in booklet form.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- **PLANNING**

The General Plan is the largest single work program item currently underway at the Planning Department. Planning staff have framed their work and outreach efforts for the General Plan around three main themes or outcomes: equitable communities, economic health, and

environmental resilience. Staff provided an outline of the material for their report organized around these themes (attached on © 1-2).

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 © 3) The proposed schedule shows a switching of the delivery schedule for the Germantown Plan with the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Plan. The schedule also shows a minor delay of two months for both the Complete Streets Design Guide and the Preserving Community Value of Ethnically Diverse Retail Centers Study. The only project with a noticeable delay is the White Flint Sector Plan's Metrorail Station Area - Ten Year Check Up.

- **PARKS**

Topics covered by the Parks Department presentation for the Semi-Annual Report include a focus on trails, athletic fields, activating urban parks, park projects, and the Department's volunteer program (outline attached on © 4).

This report contains:

Outline of Planning Department Presentation	© 1-2
Updated Master Plan Schedule	© 3
Outline of Parks Department Presentation	© 4

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Thrive Montgomery 2050 – Updating Montgomery County’s General Plan for the future.

Three Outcomes of Thrive Montgomery 2050:

- **Equitable Communities:** Montgomery County is a place where all have equal opportunities for fulfilling critical quality of life needs, such as access to quality housing, food and jobs.
- **Economic Health:** Montgomery County has a varied economy that is strong and competitive.
- **Environmental Resilience:** Montgomery County mitigates potential environmental impacts, protects natural resources and combats climate change.

Equitable Communities

- Vision Zero and Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study
- Pedestrian Master Plan
- Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan
- MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan
- Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
- Vienna Social Housing Symposium
- Missing Middle Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Preservation of Affordable Housing Study
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Regional Housing Targets
- Public Engagement Strategies

Economic Health

- 2020 Subdivision Staging Policy
- Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment
- Ashton Minor Master Plan Amendment
- White Flint 10-Year Check Up on Metrorail Site and Placemaking
- Burtonsville Placemaking and Long Branch Festival Week
- Wheaton Headquarters
- Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan
- Silver Spring Master Plan
- Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation
- Agritourism Study

Environmental Resilience

- Coordinated Tree Planting Programs



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- M-NCPPC Sustainability Report and Plan
- County Climate Action Plan
- Historic Preservation: Burial Sites and Inventory and Guidelines
- Interstate 495 and Interstate 270 Managed Lanes Study
- Complete Streets Design Guide/Roadway Functional Classification System
- Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update

Development Projects

- Metro Tower; Location: Downtown Bethesda. 400,000 square-foot, 250-foot tall mixed-use tower with 366 residential units.
- White Oak Town Center; Location: White Oak. 275 residential units and 75,000 square feet of commercial uses.
- Westwood Shopping Center; Location: Westbard. 171,000 square feet of commercial uses, 200 multi-family units and 70 townhouses.
- Cabin John Village; Location: Potomac. 48,000 square feet of commercial uses and 48 townhouses integrated into an existing shopping center.
- 8000 Wisconsin Avenue; Location: Downtown Bethesda. 410,000 square feet, including 441 residential units with 25% MPDUs.
- Autolus Therapeutics; Location: Great Seneca Science Corridor. 143,272 square feet, including 85,000 square feet of office, lab and light manufacturing in addition to an existing 58,272 square-foot biotech building.

FY20 Adopted Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule October 2019

Master Plan & Major Projects	2019					2020					2021					2022																			
	FY20					FY21					FY22																								
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Germantown Plan for Town Sector Zone					F	H																													
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Integrated Multi-Modal GIS Network/Pedestrian Connectivity																																			
Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study																																			
Affordable Housing Presevation and Redevelopment Feasibility																																			
Preserving Community Value of Ethnically Diverse Retail Centers																																			
Subdivision Staging Policy Update																																			
White Flint Sector Plan's Metrorail Station Area - Ten Year Check Up																																			

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Trails – Creating a World-Class Trail System

- Updates on the new program manager, equipment, trail elements, funding, and trail segments
- Northwest Branch Trail: Renovation and construction using volunteers and community partners
- Trail Enhancements: Rainout Line and trail closure procedure and E-bike and E-scooter pilot program
- Vision Zero Update

Athletic Fields

- MCPS field renovations, improvements, and maintenance
- Athletic field case study: Calverton Galway Local Park, Buck Branch Neighborhood Park, Mount Zion Local Park

Activating Communities: Urban Parks

- Park activation: Ongoing programs and special events
- EPS Design Guidelines
- Suitability Studies: Dog Parks, Skate Parks, and Community Gardens

Park Projects

- Capital Improvement Projects: South Germantown Cricket Field, Wheaton Local Park, Washington Capitals Rink, Battery Lane, Maydale Nature Center
- Parks Equity Tool for Capital Improvement Projects
- Park Refresher Projects: Seneca Store and Josiah Henson Museum
- Projects under construction and upcoming

Volunteer Program

- Volunteer Update: Hours, cleanups, corporate program

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