



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

**MCPB**  
**Item #**  
**6/17/10**

June 8, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** Glenn Kreger, Acting Chief *GK*  
Vision Division

Sue Edwards, Team Leader, North Central Transit Corridor Team  
Vision Division

**FROM:** Karen Kumm Morris, Master Planner *KKM*  
Urban Design Division

**SUBJECT:** Replacement Appointments to Fill Vacancies  
Shady Grove Advisory Committee

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the appointment of Natalia Farrar, representing area business interests and Connie McKenna, representing the Shady Grove Woods Community to the Shady Grove Advisory Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

The County Council approved the Shady Grove Sector Plan in January 2006. To assist in the implementation of the recommendations included in the Shady Grove Sector Plan, the Montgomery County Council directed the M-NCPPC to:

“...establish a Shady Grove Advisory Committee to support the redevelopment of the Shady Grove Sector Plan area. The Committee should develop a work program to further these goals. Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee should include monitoring implementation of the Plan recommendations, assuring that the recommendations contained in the Plan are followed and assuring that problems with implementation are promptly brought to the attention of the Planning Board and/or Council.”

The County Council also requested the Advisory Committee to recommend outreach methods and public information mechanisms to assure that residents and businesses within the Shady Grove Sector Plan area are kept informed of development and planning issues.

The Planning Board appointed the Shady Grove Advisory Committee (SGAC) members in 2006 to oversee the implementation of the Shady Grove Sector Plan and advise the Planning Board on regulatory proposals. Committee members represent a range of different interests and are appointed to serve two years.

**Existing Members on the Shady Grove Advisory Committee (SGAC)**

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Affiliation</b>                   | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pat Labuda        | Shady Grove Civic Alliance           | 12/23/2010          |
| Joseph Parelo     | Old Derwood Community                | 12/23/2010          |
| John Compton      | Town of Washington Grove             | 12/23/2010          |
| Brian Pierce      | King Farm Association                | 12/23/2010          |
| Michael McInerney | Thomas Somerville Co./property owner | 12/23/2010          |
| Pamela Lindstrom  | Smart Growth Advocate                | 12/23/2010          |
| Julia Tillery     | Derwood Station Community            | 12/23/2010          |
| Adam Brand        | MD 355 Metro Area                    | 12/23/2010          |
| George Donovan    | Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board     | 12/23/2010          |

George Donovan and Adam Brand have retired from their positions on the SGAC. Natalia Farrar is recommended as Mr. Donovan’s replacement. She will provide a business and real estate orientation as well as representing the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board on the SGAC, thus providing a helpful coordination between the Up County area and the Shady Grove Metro Station. Connie McKenna lives in Shady Grove Woods within walking distance to the Metro station and will represent resident interests. She is also an active member of the Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance.

**Biographic Information for Proposed New Members**

Natalia Farrar      Member, Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, since 2009  
                          Member, District 19 Democratic Club, 2009 to present  
                          Woman’s Suburban Democratic Club  
                          Program Manager, Montgomery County Volunteer Center, 2009-2010  
                          Realtor, W.C. & A. N. Miller Realty, 2010  
                          Founding Member of Rotaract Club of Washington DC (junior  
                          Rotary), 1998  
                          Project Manager, Notefish, Inc. (web research company), 2005-2008  
                          BA, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia  
                          MA, University of Texas, Russia

Connie McKenna      15-year resident of Derwood, MD  
President, Shady Grove Woods Homeowners Association  
Co-founder, Citizens for Fair Land Acquisition  
Active member, Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance  
Parent, PTA-MCPS  
NPR Arts Producer, 1988-1996  
Field Writer, Organizing Field Services, American Federation of  
Teachers, 1996 to current  
BA, Georgetown University, 1975

## **CONCLUSION**

Members of the SGAC should represent a balance of interests and share a commitment to the implementation of the Shady Grove Sector Plan. Connie McKenna and Natalia Farrar will provide this commitment. Staff recommends the appointment of these individuals to the SGAC.

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