



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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Great Seneca Science Corridor (GSSC) Master Plan Implementation
Advisory Committee, Membership Additions

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint additional community members to the GSSC Implementation Advisory Committee to represent Rockville neighborhoods: Robert Singman and Jeff Weber. Replace Manisha Tewari with Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio as the representative of the City of Rockville.

GSSC IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishment of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) is required by the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan:

“The Planning Board must establish an advisory committee of property owners, residents, and interested groups (including adjacent neighborhoods in Gaithersburg and Rockville), with representation from the Executive Branch, the City of Rockville, and the City of Gaithersburg that are stakeholders in the redevelopment of the Plan area – to evaluate the assumptions made regarding congestion levels, transit use, and parking. The committee’s responsibilities should include monitoring the Plan recommendations, monitoring the CIP and Growth Policy to address issues that may arise, including, but not limited to, community impacts and design, and the status and location of public facilities and open space.”

Currently, the Committee's membership consists of 16 members approved by the Planning Board at their meeting of September 30, 2010. The Committee has been meeting monthly since February 2011 to consider matters pertaining to the implementation of the GSSC Master Plan.

Recently, the City of Rockville noted that, although the County Council resolution requiring establishment of the IAC specifies that the Committee is to include "property owners, residents, and interested groups (including adjacent neighborhoods in Gaithersburg and Rockville)," the Committee does not include any representatives of adjacent neighborhoods in Rockville. (The IAC originally appointed by the Planning Board did include a member of the City's planning staff, Manisha Tewari.) The City has requested that the Planning Board appoint two additional members to the Implementation Advisory Committee to represent the adjacent Rockville neighborhoods.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the following individuals nominated by the City of Rockville be confirmed as new members of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Implementation Advisory Committee:

Robert Singman representing the Rockshire Homeowners Association

Jeff Weber representing the Homes at Falls Grove

In addition, Rockville City Mayor **Phyllis Marcuccio** would like to take an active role in representing the Rockville City government on the Committee. The City has requested that Mayor Marcuccio be named to the Committee as the primary representative from the City, replacing Manisha Tewari. David Levy will remain the alternate City representative named to the Committee.

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