



GSSC Implementation Advisory Committee

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description

Location:

- Great Seneca Science Corridor (GSSC) Master Plan, including the Life Sciences Center

summary

- Two members of the GSSC Implementation Advisory Committee are unable to continue to serve in this capacity.
- Staff recommends that the Planning Board confirm two new members nominated to serve out the remaining terms of departing members.

GSSC IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishment of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Implementation Advisory Committee 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.”

The Committee’s membership consists of 16 members approved by the Planning Board at the meeting of September 30, 2010, plus two members appointed by the Board on May 12, 2011 to represent adjacent neighborhoods in the City of Rockville. Also on May 12, the Board approved the appointment of Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio to replace City Planner Manisha Tewari as a Rockville City representative. Members are appointed to serve two-year terms. There have been no term limits established. The Committee has been meeting monthly since February 2011 to consider matters pertaining to the implementation of the GSSC Master Plan.

Two members of the original Committee have new or increased work responsibilities that make continued participation on the Committee either infeasible or no longer desirable. Brian Dembeck, who has represented Johns Hopkins University, has found that his responsibilities no longer leave him the time to serve on the Committee. Johns Hopkins University has requested that **David McDonough** be appointed to take Mr. Dembeck’s place. Mr. McDonough is the Senior Director for Development Oversight at Johns Hopkins, and has been actively involved both in the development of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan and its implementation. He has attended most of the Implementation Advisory Committee meetings since the meetings began last February.

Diane Schwartz Jones, who has been representing the County Executive, has recently been named the new Director of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, and will no longer be able to participate on the Committee. The County Executive has requested that **Gregory Ossont** be appointed to take Ms. Schwartz Jones’ place. A former Director of the Planning and Code Administration Department at the City of Gaithersburg, Mr. Ossont has recently accepted an appointment as Deputy Director of the Montgomery County Department of General Services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the following individuals be confirmed as new members of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Implementation Advisory Committee to serve out the remainder of the term of the departing members:

David McDonough representing Johns Hopkins University
Greg Ossont representing the Montgomery County Executive

The terms will expire on September 30, 2012, at which time interested members will be eligible for re-appointment.

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