



Great Seneca Science Corridor (GSSC) Implementation Advisory Committee



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description

- Confirmation of the GSSC Implementation Advisory Committee
- Location: Great Seneca Science Corridor (GSSC) Master Plan, including the Life Sciences Center

summary

- The original members of the Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) are completing their two-year terms.
- Staff recommends that the Planning Board confirm seventeen members nominated to serve new two-year terms as members of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee.

GSSC IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Background

County Council Resolution #16-1325 approving the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan (approved and adopted June 2010) included the following requirement for establishing an advisory committee:

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, and recommending action by the Planning Board and County Council 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 initial membership of the GSSC IAC was approved by the Planning Board on September 30, 2010. The staff report states that the 15 members were recommended to serve a two-year term. An additional member was added at the time of Planning Board approval, bringing the total to 16. The terms of these original members are now expiring.

Early in 2011, the City of Rockville noted that the IAC did not include representatives of adjacent neighborhoods in Rockville as specified in the resolution. Two additional members from adjacent Rockville neighborhoods were approved by the Planning Board on May 19, 2011, bringing total membership to 18. The terms of these two members run through May of 2013.

Two of the original members were unable to complete their terms due to conflicts with other responsibilities. The Planning Board approved replacements for these members on October 27, 2011.

In July 2012, current IAC members were polled to see if they would be willing to serve a new two-year term. Most agreed to serve another term. Donna Baron, a citizen representative from Montgomery County, decided to step down from the IAC, leaving the Committee short on citizen representation. Two citizens who have been attending the IAC meetings and participating in the discussions volunteered to become official members of the Committee. By their past participation, Art Slesinger and Eric Ross have demonstrated that they possess a critical qualification for inclusion on the IAC – a strong interest in helping to guide implementation of the GSSC Master Plan. Both of these citizens are Montgomery County residents.

Although this increases the total IAC membership by one, from 18 to 19 members, it actually improves the overall balance on the committee by increasing the number of Montgomery County citizen representatives to two, which equals the number of citizens representing neighborhoods in Rockville and Gaithersburg.

Larry Diamond is also relinquishing his place on the IAC representing Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. (ARE). Eddie Rose has been nominated to take Mr. Diamond’s place for ARE.

The other 14 candidates are members of the original IAC who have agreed to continue in service.

Staff therefore recommends that the Planning Board approve the following people to serve a two-year term on the GSSC IAC beginning in October 2012:

GSSC Implementation Advisory Committee Membership Roster October 2012-October 2014

Marilyn Balcombe, Pres./CEO, Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce (Other Interested Parties)

Art Slesinger, Darnestown Civic Association (Citizen, Montgomery County)

Tina Benjamin, Mo. Co. Dept. of Economic Development (Gov't, Montgomery County)

David McDonough, Johns Hopkins Real Estate(Property Owner)

Eddie Rose, Alexandria Real Estate Equities (Property Owner)

Mick Doolittle III, Corporate Council, Foulger-Pratt Companies (Other Interested Parties)

Dr. Stewart Edelstein, Exec. Director, Universities at Shady Grove (Property Owner)

Dr. Jim Kramer, VP – U.S. Biologics Operations, BioReliance Corp. (Property Owner)

Hon. Phyllis Marcuccio/David Levy, City of Rockville (Gov't, City of Rockville)

Tim Newell, Representative, Banks Farm heirs, Newell and Associates (Other Interested Parties)

Lauren Pruss, Planning Director, City of Gaithersburg (Gov't, City of Gaithersburg)

Lynne Rose, Resident Representative, Mission Hills Community (Citizen, Gaithersburg)

Eric Ross, The Willows of Potomac (Citizen, Montgomery County)

Greg Ossont, Office of the County Executive (Gov't, Montgomery County)

Bob Simpson, MCDOT (Gov't, Montgomery County)

Phil Usatine, Washingtonian Woods HOA (Citizen, Gaithersburg)

Larry E. Walker, President, The Walker Group on behalf of Adventist Health Care (Property Owner)

In addition to these 17 members recommended for appointment, the following two members will continue to serve until their terms expire in May 2013, at which time they will become eligible for reappointment:

Robert Singman, Rockshire HOA (Citizen, Rockville)

Jeff Weber, Resident Representative, The Homes at Fallsgrove (Citizen, Rockville)

Staff would like to express their thanks for the contributions of all past members of the GSSC IAC, and our gratitude for those who have agreed to serve new terms.

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