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Bicycle Master Plan Community Advisory Group Members

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Recommendation

Approve recommended members for the Bicycle Master Plan Community Advisory Group.

Background

On September 10, 2015 the Planning Board reviewed and approved a Scope of Work for the Bicycle Master Plan, including the formation of a Community Advisory Group. This group was originally recommended to have 15 members: 7 from invited stakeholder groups and 8 through an application process. Based on the Planning Board's recommendations, the number of members from invited stakeholder groups was increased to 14 for a total of 22 members.

Community Advisory Group Recommendations

The Planning Department invited 15 stakeholder groups to nominate one member for the Community Advisory Group. Of the 15 organizations, 12 have nominated a member as of November 12, 2015.

- 1. Action Committee for Transit: TBD
- 2. African American Advisory Group: TBD
- 3. African American Chamber of Commerce: TBD
- 4. Bethesda Transportation Solutions and Bethesda Urban Partnership: Kristin Blackmon
- 5. CASA de Maryland: Renato Mendoza
- 6. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Jeffry Arevalo
- 7. Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts: Shawn Punga
- 8. Montgomery Bicycle Advocates: Jack Cochrane
- 9. Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce: Jim Young
- 10. Montgomery County Civic Federation: Peggy Dennis
- 11. Pedestrian Bicycle Traffic Safety Advisory Committee: Darrel Drobnich
- 12. Potomac Pedalers: Denise Cohen
- 13. Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board: Evolve Jay
- 14. Washington Area Bicyclist Association: Peter Gray

While three organizations have not yet nominated a member as of November 12, 2015, we are in contact with each organization.

An application process was established to identify 8 additional resident members. Applicants were asked to complete an application with questions related to their home and work address, comfort riding in different settings, how often they bicycle, why they want to serve on the advisory group and what they think they can contribute (see Attachment). The intent was to select a geographically diverse group representing different bicycle comfort levels. There were nearly 60 applications from all over the county. A selection panel composed of staff from the Planning Department reviewed the applications and are recommending the following applicants for membership on the Community Advisory Board:

- 1. Deborah Turton, Damascus
- 2. Joe Allen, Gaithersburg
- 3. Alison Dewey, North Bethesda
- 4. Stacy Cook, Bethesda
- 5. Geri Rosenberg, Silver Spring
- 6. Phil Shapiro, Kemp Mill
- 7. Paul Daisey, Colesville
- 8. Joe Fritsch, Olney

Status



Application for the Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Group

Interested in helping to guide the future of bicycling in Montgomery County?

Want to add your feedback as a cyclist and community member on how to improve connectivity?

Have a desire to learn more about the planning process?

Apply to the Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Group

The Montgomery County Planning Department is seeking members of the community to participate in its Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Group. This group will consist of approximately 20 members and will meet approximately once a month over the next 1.5 years to provide advice to Planning Department staff as they develop a working draft of the master plan. Between 10 and 15 members will be will be chosen to represent a variety of interest groups.

Eight members will be selected through an application process that is intended to represent a diverse perspective in the bicycling community, with members representing different areas of Montgomery County and all levels of cycling ability. All meetings will take place on weekday evenings at the Planning Department's headquarters at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

Interested members of the community should complete this application by Friday, October 30, 2015.

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Background

On July 1, 2015, the Planning Department began working on the Bicycle Master Plan. The plan will focus on developing a high-quality / low-stress bicycle network throughout

Montgomery County, bringing bicycle recommendations in line with industry best practices, and consolidating all bicycle recommendations into a single plan for the first time since 1978. An emphasis will be placed on evaluating newer facilities, such as separated bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, and bicycle boulevards, as well as secure bicycle storage facilities. Visit our webpage to get more information on the Bicycle Master Plan.

| Contact Information: |
|---|
| First Name |
| Last Name |
| Email Address |
| Address 1 |
| Address 2 |
| City |
| State |
| Postal Code |
| Phone |
| Biking Activity: |
| If you bike to work, please tell us your employment location. |
| Employer |

Address 1

Address 2 City

Postal Code

State

How often do you commute, run errands, go to school, etc. by bicycle? (select one)

3+ days per week

1-2 days per week

1-2 days per month

I don't bike now, but would consider it if more bicycle infrastructure existed along my route

How often do you bicycle for recreation? (select one)

3+ days per week

1-2 days per week

1-2 days per month

I don't bike now, but would consider it if more bicycle infrastructure existed along my route

How would you categorize your level of comfort as a bicyclist? I am comfortable bicycling in: (check all that apply)

Biking in Travel Lanes with Vehicular Traffic

Six-lane roads such as Rockville Pike and Georgia Avenue

Four-lane roads such as Century Boulevard (Germantown) or Cherry Hill Road (near White Oak)

Two-lane roads such as Fenton Street (Silver Spring) or Amherst Avenue (Wheaton)

Two-lane residential streets

Adjacent to Vehicular Traffic in Bike Lanes

Six-lane roads such as Rockville Pike and Georgia Avenue

Four-lane roads such as Century Boulevard (Germantown) or Cherry Hill Road (near White Oak)

Two-lane roads such as Fenton Street (Silver Spring) or Amherst Avenue (Wheaton)

Two-lane residential streets

Separated from Vehicular Traffic

On shared use paths that parallel the road (sidepaths) such as along MacArthur Boulevard and Great Seneca On trails such as Rock Creek Trail and the Capital Crescent Trail

On separated bike lanes such as the Woodglen Cycle Track

Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee?

| What will you add to the Bicycle Master Planning process? |
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| What do you hope to gain by participating in this group? |
| Thank you! We will select the advisory group in November and will inform all applicants of the decision shortly after. |
| Last Update |
| Start Time |
| Finish Time |
| IP |
| Browser |
| OS |
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