

Hello. My name is Susan Labin, Ph.D., a long-time resident of MoCo.

President Alborno and VP Glass have expressed their hope that the new temporary Planning Board will inspire “trust” and “confidence.” To accomplish these goals, the Council and the Board should act with independence from special interests. Council extolled the candidates for the new Board as examples of the talent and skill of MoCo residents. To honor its residents, the Council should update its rules to achieve greater transparency and engagement of residents. In this spirit of strengthening democratic procedures, I have suggestions for the proposed Rules changes:

1. #1. Number of Councilmembers:
 - 1.1. Two-thirds. I agree with increasing #, but 7 does not equal 2/3s.
 - 1.2. I propose to increase to 8 votes for a 2/3s vote.
2. #2. Virtual Meetings
 - 2.1. Notice of meetings
 - 2.1.1. Add: Provide 48-hour notice, or reasonable notice in case of weather or other emergencies, of the date, time, and place of the Attendance
 - 2.2. Attendance: Change to: Remote attendance would be acceptable as long as it adheres to reasons in the “policy approach” or is granted an exception by either the President or Vice President of the Council.
 - 2.2.1. *Policy Approach*: ADD: Unavailable child, elder, or family care
3. #3. Groups n formation of groups: *Creation of Informal Work Group*. Include stakeholder groups that consist of a majority of residents. (Rule 1(c)).
4. #4. Closed meetings: Add: If chiefs of staffs are making decisions, then they should abide by intent of the Opening Meetings act and publish minutes.
5. # 8 Most important: Publication of Amendment
 - 5.1. OPPOSE PROPOSED CHANGE BY COUNCIL
 - 5.1.1.1. I propose to retain requirement that Amendments should be in writing and subject to advertisement.
 - 5.1.1.2. Therefore, ADD: “amendments” so new Introduction reads: “All bills and amendments are to be the subject ...”
6. #9 Public Hearing
 - 6.1. The minimum time limit for testimony shall be 3 minutes per speaker and hearings should accommodate all, or a minimum # (40) or at least 50%, of those requesting to provide oral testimony.
7. Accommodations shall be reached to not restrict press coverage.