



**DPS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
4:30 p.m. (Virtual) Microsoft Teams**

**DPSAC Members**

Chair Dean Packard; Vice Chair Neil Blanc; Karem Carpio; Rexie Fernando; Tamika Graham; Nasser Kamazani; Elizabeth Kellar; Len Newman; Arquilla Ridgell; Rogers Stanley; Emily Tettlebaum and Rebecca Torma.

**DPS Staff**

Director Rabbiah Sabbakhan; Deputy Director Ehsan Motazed; Land Development Division Chief Linda Kobylski; Customer Support & Outreach Division Chief Gail Lucas; Manager Bryan Bomer; Community Outreach Manager Sonya Burke and Senior Executive Administrative Aide Leah Ortiz.

**Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m.**

**Approved draft minutes from the January 18 meeting.**

**ECON Update**

- A summary of the March 11 work session was provided, including an update on the HHS plan review collaboration and the updated Guidance Documents.

**Data Dashboards**

- Focus is on the timeline for plan review and permit issuance turnaround time.
- The Dashboard is located on the home page of the DPS website.

**Code Update**

- Montgomery County lacks a formal Board for submitting code change requests.
- Interested parties can submit an email to DPS staff with questions or attend the public comment hearings held before adoption.
- To obtain proposed code updates, email George Muste, Chief, Residential Construction & FCC.
- Code changes are local Montgomery County amendments only.

**Stakeholder Forum**

- DPS is researching a forum for residents through collaboration with Montgomery County Regional Service Centers. Input from DPSAC members is encouraged.

### **Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)**

- MDE received the second draft of the new SWM regulations.
- Regulations are touted as large storm resiliency.
- The Tech Advisory Group will meet in April 2024.

### **Old Business**

- Peer Review is moving forward but lacks participation.
- Simplifile is working well with no delays.
- DOT has not agreed to meters in the ROW.
- GIS Maps are live, including the U & O module; DPS suggests continuing to complete field verification as data comes from DOT.

### **New Business**

- Recommend revising the maximum height allowance for fence permitting when the resident owns a dog.
- Green code was sent to Sean for comment; changes include using the ASHRAE 91.1 standard.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be held on May 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.**