

# DPS ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

Location: 255 Rockville Pike, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Room 120

Date: February 12, 2019

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Facilitators: Jessica Fusillo & Alexia Roundtree

## Minutes

### **Introduction of New Members:**

Jessica called the meeting to order at 5:01, we had a quorum.

**Attendees:** Tim Dugan, Tony DePaul, Robert Graham, Uri Pasternak, KC Reed, Jacquelyn Sykes-Washington, Jamey Pratt, Amy Quant, **Staff:** Diane S. Jones, Director, Jessica Fusillo, Rick Brush, and Alexia Roundtree

### **New Website:**

Jessica demonstrated the new website it's a cleaner look. If you have and feedback regarding the website, please email [Jessica.fusillo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Jessica.fusillo@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### **Benchmarking for a Better Business Climate Budget**

County Executive Elrich has questioned the MC regulations are too strict. He wants to see if that is correct. Evaluating experiences with application of codes. A steering committee will be created Councilmember Sydney Katz will head it up, benchmark with representation from builders, designers, businesses, chambers, and regional service centers. Listening tour of experiences. Look at codes applied in other jurisdictions and what is applied here in the county. Benchmarks are done mostly for business practices, balancing public safety with codes and how they are applied. How do we communicate with the public let customers know about the new advancements for our services?

Question: Tim asked do we know of any other jurisdictions that benchmark. Diane responded yes. She thinks the board would be a good asset.

Statement: Tony DePaul processes in other jurisdictions to be inconsistent.

Question: KC asked what the difference is between streamlining & benchmarking. Diane explained its difficult to compare because each structure and environment is different. Atlanta has done some benchmarks – but nothing comparable in this area.

Benchmarks are available in time and process. However, the codes are more straightforward. Adopted by state and then amended by the counties.

Diane gave overview of streamlining initiative – this will be structured similarly. Zoning re-write was influenced by streamlining. This one will be the business focused.

Diane would like the committee to be apart. A steering committee will be created Councilmember Sydney Katz will head it up, benchmark with representation from builders, designers, businesses, chambers, and regional service centers. March 6, 2019 is the target date for the KICK OFF. Uri Pasternak is interested in participating.

### **Budget:**

Operating budget has not been submitted to CE. Revenues were not stable and now have settled out. Change the way we charged for building stick, eliminated automation fee, after functional analysis moved to different fee structure. Enterprise fund stabilization factor to help keep income stable.

Have requested 3 new inspector positions – term – to help with transition to Wheaton and retirements at that time.

### **Green Building Manager**

Sediment control manager for inspections. Too many inspectors with ROW and Sediment Control to have proper oversight.

**Suggestion:** Robert Graham suggestion for website – the ability to download plans from other clients if possible.

This year funding is low Fire Code Compliance office was absorbed and changed their rates

Rick answered the two questions brought to the meeting by KC Reed.

### **Proposed Bill MC/PG 106-19:**

New certifications as it related to going through subdivision and showing easements. Farm road – road not in ROW – and when it subdivided cut off access to several properties. The liability of miss-statements or disagree. Professional liability as it relates to third party.

### **WRTP-8 – Safe Placement of Surface Fed SWM Practices:**

Water Resources Technical Policy 8 – Mark Etheridge working with group on these technical policies. Relating to Storm water management facilities and sidewalks and stepping out into storm water. Safety and proper design of storm water facilities as it relates to sidewalks and row. Are the storm water remediations safe?

Other:

Relocation to Wheaton July 2020

Pros and Cons of teleworking – Diane is not in support – This is a public service office and we should be her to service the public.

Send Jacquelyn Sykes-Washington the link to opportunity zones

New Business:

Need Chair & Vice Chair to be chosen next meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25