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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of Council
Purpose: To interview
Keywords: #CouncilAppointments

AGENDA ITEM #5
May 11, 2021
Interview

SUBJECT

Montgomery County Planning Board interview.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES (*REMOTELY*)

Commissioner Tina Patterson

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council received three applications to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board, one of the applicants subsequently withdrew. Commissioner Patterson, whose first term ends on June 14, 2021, was selected for an interview. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed. This position must be filled by a Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party, or a voter who is a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections. This position cannot be filled by a Democrat.

Background

The Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires that no more than three members of the Planning Board be from the same political party. In addition to Commissioner Patterson (Unaffiliated), current boardmembers are Chair Casey Anderson (Dem), Vice Chair Natali Fani-Gonzalez (Dem), Gerald Cichy (Rep), and Partap Verma (Dem).

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Not applicable.

This report contains:

Applicant list © A
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Commissioner Patterson's resume: pages 1-3, plus letters of endorsement

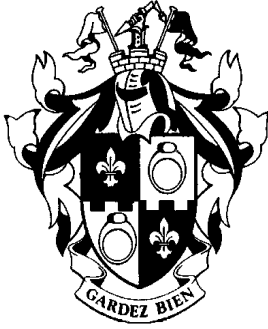
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2021 Applicant List

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Applicants	Political Affiliation/notes
Elizabeth Capuzzo-Peixoto Kensington 20895	Currently registered as a Democrat but plans to change to Unaffiliated. <i>(Position cannot be filled by a Democrat)</i>
<i>Withdrew on 4/1/21, citing possible move from Montgomery County or lack of bandwidth to serve.</i> Edmund Morris Rockville 20850	Unaffiliated
Commissioner Tina Patterson Germantown 20874	Unaffiliated Applied for reappointment <i>Letters of endorsement from:</i> Max Barnhart & Theresa Jones Co-Chairs, Community Relations Committee Americana Finnmark, Silver Spring Griffin Benton, VP of Government Affairs, MBIA Russell Gestl Rev. Kenneth Nelson, Black Ministers Conference Eric Bailey, Chair, Coalition for Equitable Representation in Government 2.0

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Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

March 5, 2021

FOR INFORMATION: Anne Brown anne.brown@montgomerycountymd.gov

Montgomery Council seeks applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board

Deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 23, at 5 p.m.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 5, 2021—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. The first term of Tina Patterson (Unaffiliated) will expire on June 14, 2021. Ms. Patterson has indicated that she plans to apply for reappointment.

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

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In addition to Ms. Patterson (Unaffiliated), current Boardmembers are Chair Casey Anderson (Dem), Vice Chair Natali Fani-Gonzalez (Dem), Gerald Cichy (Rep), and Partap Verma (Dem). Annual compensation for Boardmembers is currently \$30,000, and the chair currently earns \$209,754.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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The Planning Board's responsibilities with regard to planning include preparation and amendment of the County General Plan; preparation and amendment of master plans and functional plans; formulation of subdivision regulations; preparation of or recommendations on text amendments to the County Zoning Code; implementation of the subdivision process by reviewing and approving all preliminary plans, site plans and other plans for development; offering or providing advice on the planning implications of capital facilities and programs of the County government, Montgomery College, WSSC Water, and Montgomery County Public Schools; commenting, under its mandatory referral authority, on plans for public facilities of local, state and federal agencies; and approving of the work program and the annual operating budget for the Planning Department and the Commission's bi-county offices.

The Planning Board sits as the Park Commission and approves the annual Parks Department operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP); land acquisition contracts and major development contracts for parks; development plans for individual park facilities; policies for park operations; and park user fees.

The Planning Board meets all day every Thursday, including many Thursday evenings, and will schedule other meetings, as needed. The entire Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month. On average, a Planning Board member may spend two full days a week in scheduled and informal meetings. Additionally, substantial time is required for preparatory work and other activities related to Planning Board responsibilities.

Application Process and Deadline

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages) listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers and an email address, should be addressed to: Council President Tom Hucker and emailed to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov, or mailed to County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process, and are available for public review. The interviews are conducted in public and will be televised.

Letters with resumes must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants for interviews.

Financial Disclosure

A financial disclosure statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required to be filed by each applicant. The financial disclosure form will be sent to you after we receive your letter of application. Only the financial disclosure statement of the ultimate appointee will be made available to the public.

March 23, 2021

Montgomery County Council
Attn: Mr. Tom Hucker, President
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Subject: Montgomery County Planning Board Vacancy

Dear Council President Hucker:

This letter and enclosed resume are in response to the Council's announcement seeking individuals to serve on the Montgomery County Planning Board. I am applying for reappointment to the Board for my second term. I reside in Germantown, Council District 2. I am a registered unaffiliated voter in the State of Maryland and the owner of a small business, based in Germantown.

In reviewing the comments that I delivered to the County Council during my interview in 2017, I am happy to share that I have kept my word regarding what I would deliver, how I would serve, and what I had to offer. As an alternative dispute resolution professional, I have, at times, been the voice of balance on the Planning Board. I represent quiet leadership – asking questions, considering what others have to say, reflecting and then responding, digging deeply into issues and ideas before considering new ones. As a resident of the upcounty, I express firsthand perspective about the needs of the upcounty residents. As a small business owner, I often share perspectives about attracting and retaining businesses. As a former renter and a commuter, I understand the significant need for affordable, attainable housing and access to reliable transportation.

In my four years as a Commissioner, I have invested time and energy to deepen my knowledge of land use, development, planning, and parks. I attended the 2019 American Planning Association conference to learn more about land planning trends and understand how other jurisdictions address transportation needs, work to better engage community members, and identify potential solutions in response to growing environmental concerns. I also attended the 2019 Greater Greener Conference to broaden my knowledge of parks and recreation efforts to address current community needs, to learn how other jurisdictions apply lessons learned and work to create services in the future that reflect their diverse and growing communities. In order to become better educated about development, I enrolled in NAIOP Virginia's Development 101 program. In 2020, prior to COVID-19 restrictions, I drove to Reston, Virginia every two weeks for training and later completed the program online. I have participated in a Ride Along with Park Police to learn firsthand the perspectives and challenges faced by officers and to observe Park Police interface with the public.

I also promised that I would leverage my resources to support the Parks and Planning Departments. I have introduced staff to contacts at numerous organizations including the Divided Community Project, American Institutes for Research (AIR), and the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney Public Safety Dispute Resolution Program. As a Board Member with Leadership Montgomery, I have also assisted with enhancing the existing relationship with Parks and Planning staff.

One of the many satisfying aspects of serving on the Planning Board has been interacting with community members. I have listened to the different perspectives of community members and heard and read many intelligent and thoughtful questions, concerns, and suggestions at charettes, public hearings, listening sessions and via email. By invitation, I have attended meetings, events and tours organized by community members regarding master plans and non-regulatory issues.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to continue serving on the Montgomery County Planning Board and working with the County Council. I look forward to hearing from you concerning next steps.

Sincerely,

Tina E. Patterson

Tina E. Patterson, MCI Arb

Summary of Qualifications

Founder and Principal of Jade Solutions, LLC, a small business with more than 20 years' experience providing management consulting services in the areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and community engagement, proposal management and grants management support, project management and training. Supported local and national community engagement efforts for more than two decades including projects via organizations such as America Speaks, RESOLVE, the Kellogg Foundation, and the National Institute for Civil Discourse.

Work History

Jade Solutions, Principal 2014 – Present

LCG, Inc., Win Center Director 2015 – 2016

TELESIS, Inc., Senior Proposal Manager • 2012 – 2014

Worldwide Information Network Systems, Inc., Senior Proposal Manager • 2009 – 2012

Independent Consultant • 2004 – 2006, 2008 – 2009

Airlines Reporting Corporation, Senior Business Analyst • 2006 -2008

American Bar Association, Program Manager • 2006 – 2006

Sabre Holdings, Senior Product Manager • 1989 – 2004

Professional License(s)

Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL v3)

Certified Product Manager, Association of International Product Marketing and Product Management

Certified Configuration Manager, Configuration Management Training Foundation

Professional Associations

Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member, ArbitralWomen

Member, Mid Atlantic Facilitators Network

Member, International Association of Facilitators

Member, American Bar Association, Section for Dispute Resolution

Auxiliary Member, National Bar Association

Member, Small Business Association for International Companies (SBAIC)

Member, U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

Leadership Advisory Council, Women Impacting Public Policy

Education

Master in Dispute Resolution (Anticipated 2021), Pepperdine University, Straus Institute, Malibu, CA

Graduate Certificate, Advanced Studies in ADR, 2001, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Bachelor of Arts, Hispanic Language & Linguistics, 1985, Brown University, Providence, RI

Awards and Honors

Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) (Winter 2020) Excellence for the Future Award® (highest grade),
Selected Issues: Online Dispute Resolution (Winter 2020)

Top100 Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) (2019), Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council (CRMSDC)

Roaring Thirty Prodigy Award (2018) Women in the Housing & Real Estate Ecosystem's (NAWRB)

Publications and Speaking Engagements Selected

"A Brief Explanation of the Private Practice of Consensus-Building and Public Engagement" ABA *Just Resolutions*
Newsletter, June 2020

"Saying Yes to Opportunity" *Trajectory* Magazine, Fall 2016

"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Policy and Practice", American Public Gardens Association Conference Washington, DC,
2019

Community Leadership – Selected

Public Leaders for Inclusion Cohort 3, America Indivisible , 2021- Present

Programs Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, North America Branch, 2021 - Present

Fellow, American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, 2020 - Present

Communications Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, North America Branch, 2020 - 2021

Commissioner, Montgomery County Maryland Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission, 2019 – Present

Member, FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association 2019 – Present

Graduate, FBI Citizens Academy 2019

Board Member, Committee for Montgomery, 2015 - 2017

Newsletter Volunteer, Montgomery County Interfaith Advisory Board, 2015 - 2017

Board Member, Leadership Montgomery 2015- 2017, 2019 - Present

Graduate, Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Training, 2015

Board Member, BlackRock Center for the Arts, 2014 - 2016

Montgomery County Council Grants Advisory Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014

Graduate, Montgomery County Citizens Academy, 2012

Graduate, Leadership Montgomery, 2011

Montgomery Women, Communications Co-Chair 2013 - 2015

Montgomery Women, at Large Board Member 2011 - 2012

Election Judge, Montgomery County, 2008 - 2012

Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights, Montgomery County Maryland, 2008 – 2014

Graduate Leadership Texas, 2004

Graduate Leadership America, 2003

From: [Theresa Jones](#)
To: county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov
Cc: [Max Barnhart](#)
Subject: Statement of Support for Tina Patterson's Reappointment to Montgomery County Planning Board
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:07:22 PM

Dear Council President Hucker,

We are writing to endorse the reappointment of Tina Patterson as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Planning Board. Throughout her initial term, Ms. Patterson has consistently demonstrated her exceptional skills and keen intellect while working with the rest of the Planning Board to implement a plan for positive growth and prosperity for all residents of Montgomery County. Ms. Patterson's commitments to fairness and consensus-building contribute greatly to the cohesiveness of the Planning Board and, ultimately, to the success of its Mission. Ms. Patterson is a great asset to the Planning Board and to the citizens of Montgomery County.

We strongly urge you to reappoint Ms. Patterson to another term as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Thank you,

Max F. Barnhart, Co-Chair

Theresa A. Jones, Co-Chair

Americana Finnmark
Community Relations Committee
9900 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902

April 23, 2021



Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

**RE: Letter of Support for Tina Patterson for the
Montgomery County Planning Council**

<https://www.bmcmc.org/>

Dear Council President Hucker and members of the
Council:

Officers
2021-2023

Rev. James Boney
President

Rev. Dr. Gareth Murray, Sr.
First Vice President

Rev. Dr. Ella Redfield
Second Vice President

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Rev. Darryl Burton
Treasurer

Rev. Delores McKoy
Assistant Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Elwood Gray
Chaplain

Dr. Kecia Decosta Ford
Dr. Haywood Robinson, III
Member Representatives


We appreciate this opportunity to offer our recommendation
for Tina Patterson's reappointment to the Montgomery
County Planning Board.

The Black Ministers' Conference of Montgomery County,
Maryland, is an alliance of predominantly Black Churches
in Montgomery County, Maryland that have joined together
to promote the Black Community's upliftment and enrich
the religious life of the Black Community.

Ms. Patterson is an outstanding community representative
with a passion for planning Montgomery County's future for
the better. Since her appointment in 2017, she has
contributed powerful insights and thoughtful observations to
the planning process, and we believe she should continue
in this role.

Moreover, Ms. Patterson is the founder and CEO of a
thriving small business, balancing her career and
community commitments with the utmost professionalism.
She is worthy of continued service, as evidenced by her
awards, achievements, and exceptional service.

The Black Ministers Conference urges the Council to
support her continued service as a Montgomery County
Planning Board member.


BMCMC President



April 20, 2021

Honorable Tom Hucker
Montgomery County Council
101 Monroe Street, 2nd floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Councilmember Hucker:

The Coalition for Equitable Representation in Government 2.0 (CERG 2.0) is pleased to support the reappointment of Mrs. Tina Patterson, (Unaffiliated) to a second term on the Montgomery County Planning Board, MNCPPC.

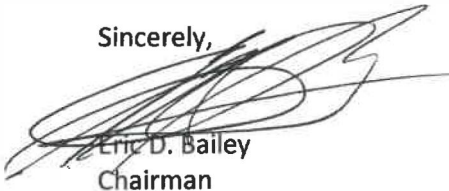
During her term of service over the last four years, Commissioner Patterson has more than demonstrated her preparation for decisions reflective of community interests in issues before the Planning Board. It is our firm belief that her deliberate approach and reasoned decision making has been a major contribution to the community at large.

CERG 2.0 continues to be concerned about future economic develop plans within the county and the implications for the minority community. We have been particularly concerned with the enforcement of regulations to preserve affordable housing as developers escalate construction of dwelling units, apartments, condos and mansions throughout the region. In this area, Commissioner Patterson has been a constant around ensuring mandatory requirements during the approval process by the Planning Board with sharp questions about prerequisite allocations.

Finally, as the annual operating and CIP budgets are deliberated, we recognize Commissioner Patterson's commitment to outreach to community groups with a stake in the financial blueprint of the agency. We find her interest and interaction with the county's citizenry essential to the community maximizing the numerous public hearings and community meetings.

For these reasons CERG 2.0 strongly endorses her reappointment. I may be reached at 240-460-0731, for any questions. Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,



Eric D. Bailey
Chairman

Russell Gestl

March 22, 2021

Honorable Thomas Hucker
Montgomery County Council President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Hucker and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of Tina Patterson's application to serve for a second term on the Montgomery County Planning board.

Tina's professional qualifications are numerous and she has demonstrated a passion for leadership and community involvement. Her service during her first term has shown her to be an industrious, capable and valuable Board Member with a balanced focus on planning, the community and the development industry.

Tina has served the Planning Board and the community admirably. I strongly recommend her for a second term on the Planning Board without hesitation.

Sincerely,


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Hon. Thomas Hucker
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20853

Re: Letter of Support - Tina Patterson for Reappointment to Montgomery County Planning Board

Dear Council President Hucker and Councilmembers,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Tina Patterson's re-appointment to the Montgomery County Planning Board. During her time as a commissioner on the board Commissioner Patterson has demonstrated her vast knowledge of the county from a planning perspective, supporting major projects such as the Viers Mill Corridor Plan which focused on business retention and development, the Germantown MARC Rail plan, and the White Oak Science Center.

Commissioner Patterson has continued to balance the counties need for preservation and smart growth. She has spearheaded the initiative to improve the efficiency process for development applications, taking the time to better understand why more than half of the applications request extensions which has laid the groundwork for the newly 'Speed to Market' initiative. Working with Commissioner Paterson has been a true privilege, her willingness to take risks, be innovative and embrace change have provided Montgomery County with an extraordinary plan for future growth

Commissioner Patterson is tremendously deserving of re-appointment and MBIA fully supports her in this process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Griffin Benton, Vice President of Government Affairs at gbenton@marylandbuilders.org or (202)-815-4239.

Respectfully,

Griffin Benton, VP of Government Affairs, MBIA

cc: Montgomery County Councilmembers

