




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2023

TO: Evan Glass, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Appointment of Artie L. Harris, Jr. to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Section 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code provides for the County Executive to approve or disapprove appointments of commissioners to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. On May 16, 2023, the Council submitted the appointment of Artie Harris to me for consideration.

After he was appointed by the Council, I met with Artie Harris. I have known him for many years and greatly appreciate and respect his experience and knowledge. Mr. Harris has had a distinguished career, including eight years with Bozzuto Development Company and almost 15 years leading housing development for Montgomery Housing Partnerships. He is LEED certified and has 30 years of experience developing multi-family housing and retail facilities, plus 9 years of experience managing design and construction projects for commercial high-rise and industrial buildings and power plants as a civil engineer.

His experience provides him with unique and valuable perspectives on housing policy and the development process. The appointment of Mr. Harris as Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board provides a much-needed fresh start for the Planning Board. Mr. Harris is the right leader to restore public confidence in the Board, improve collaboration and cooperation and lead us to better outcomes and a better Montgomery County.

Therefore, under the powers vested to the County Executive in Section 15-103(a)(5) of the Land Use Article, the appointment of Artie Harris to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is APPROVED.

cc: Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director, M-NCPPC

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Jeff Zyontz, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board

Sara Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council, Montgomery County Council

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Artie Harris

Resolution No.: 20-166
Introduced: May 16, 2023
Adopted: May 16, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Designation of Full-time Member to Serve as Chair or Vice Chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Appointment of the Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board; Authorization of Supplemental Salary

Background

1. Sections 15-102 and 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code authorize the County Council to appoint individuals to serve on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Montgomery Planning Board.
2. Sections 15-106 and 15-107 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code authorize the County Council to designate a Planning Board Member to serve on a full-time basis as the Chair or Vice Chair of the M-NCPPC.
3. Section 15-108 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code authorizes the County Council to appropriate a supplementary salary to the Commissioner serving on a full-time basis.
4. The County Council is prepared to appoint Artie Harris to fill the position of Commissioner of the M-NCPPC, to designate Artie Harris as Chair or Vice Chair of the M-NCPPC, and to appoint Artie Harris as the Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board, for a term beginning on June 15, 2023 and ending on June 14, 2027, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

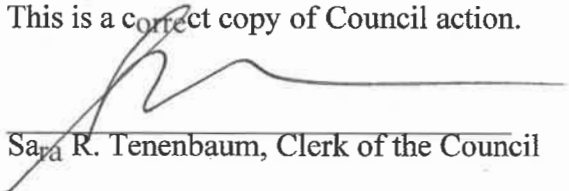
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. Artie Harris (Democrat) is appointed to serve as a Commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, effective June 15, 2023 through June 14, 2027, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
2. Artie Harris is designated to serve as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, effective June 15, 2023, through June 14, 2027, or until a successor is designated under Section 15-107 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code.

3. Artie Harris is appointed as Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board, effective June 15, 2023 through June 14, 2027, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
4. The salary of the Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board will be \$228,000 including the mandatory salary provided under State law. The Montgomery County Planning Board Chair accrues leave on the basis of four weeks per year for vacation and personal leave.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:


Marc Elrich, County Executive

6/2/2023

Date