

Resolution No. 3-10

RESOLUTION: To establish an Advisory Committee to review the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) and Adequate Public Facilities Standards (APFS)

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”), under the provisions of Section VI of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure dated July 14, 2010, may appoint “...advisory committees to the Commission to advise on specific issues....that a majority of the Commission feels are necessary for further study”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of Rockville, Maryland, that the Commission intends to constitute an Advisory Committee for a general review of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO), being Article 20 of the Zoning Ordinance, and the Adequate Public Facilities Standards (APFS), adopted by the Mayor and Council on November 1, 2005. The Commission believes that the needs of Rockville are best served by an evaluation of the APFO and APFS conducted through vigorous public discussion, review by a focused panel, and analysis and recommendation made to the Planning Commission at the conclusion thereof.

The general goal of the Advisory Committee shall be to review and study the APFO and APFS, identify discrepancies and make recommendations to amend the ordinance and standards.

In conducting its review of the APFO and APFS, the Advisory Committee shall:

1. Study and familiarize itself with the APFO and APFS;
2. Consider the APFO and APFS in light of current city demographic and economic trends;
3. Understand the nature and limits of the APFO and APFS evaluation criteria;

4. Examine the methods used to define and measure conformance to the ordinance and standards;
5. Evaluate how the APFO and APFS supports, enhances, or conflicts with recent general zoning ordinance changes;
6. Submit a report with recommendations to the Planning Commission including its suggested changes, if any, to the APFO and APFS.

The membership of the Advisory Committee shall:

1. Be composed of no more than nine individuals who represent a cross-section of the governmental, business, and resident interests in the City;
2. Be selected and appointed at the discretion of the Commission, through an open public application procedure;
3. Appoint a chairperson to conduct Committee meetings;
4. Develop an evaluation plan and meet on a schedule adopted by the Committee;
5. Meet in open session, pursuant to the State Open Meetings Act;
6. Elicit input from the public and invite expert testimony, including but not limited to the Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Traffic and Transportation Commission, Montgomery County Public Schools, PTSA's, public safety officials, and Public Works, among others, where relevant;
7. Be supported by City Staff who will provide consultation and appropriate support;
and
8. Serve as volunteers.

The Advisory Committee shall report back to the Planning Commission within six months of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, providing analysis and recommendations for future actions.

* * * * *

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of
a Resolution adopted by the Planning Commission
of the City of Rockville, Maryland, at its meeting of
October 27, 2010.

R. James Wasilak

R. James Wasilak, AICP
Chief of Planning