

Resolution No. 16-14

RESOLUTION: To amend Resolution No. 21-02 so as to modify the membership requirements for the Commission on the Environment by deleting the requirement that the commission include a student member

WHEREAS, the Rockville Science and Technology Commission has provided technical expertise to the City for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, at its own request, the Science and Technology Commission has been dissolved and disbanded and has recommended that a new commission be established to focus on environmental issues in general, and specifically environmental issues that complement the initiatives established by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the City will benefit from prompt access to specialized assistance from scientists, engineers and others who live in Rockville on matters involving the environment, including mobilizing support for environmental projects and developing policies to enhance the environment[.]; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-02 the Mayor and Council created a Commission on the Environment and set forth, among other things, the duties and composition of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to modify the composition of the Commission on the Environment by deleting the requirement that the Commission include a student member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Commission on the Environment, hereinafter referred to in this Resolution as the "Commission."

2. The Commission shall consist of nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Commission members shall include citizens with backgrounds in science, the environment, and education, [a student member,] as well as other citizens of the City.

3. Members shall serve without compensation for terms of three years from the date of appointment and may be appointed to succeeding terms.

4. Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of the term of a member shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment of the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council.

5. One member of the Commission shall be appointed Chairperson by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, to serve for a term of one year and thereafter until a successor takes office.

6. The City Manager shall designate a staff member to provide administrative assistance to the Commission to include mailing notices of meetings at the request of the Chairperson, preparation of minutes, and liaison with department staff and the City Manager on behalf of the Commission. Commission members shall conduct their own research and prepare reports with staff assistance as authorized by the City Manager.

7. The Chairperson shall call meetings of the Commission and set the agenda.

8. The Commission's work program shall consist of:

- a. Recommend policies and programs relating to the environment, watershed stewardship and protection and promoting a sustainable community through initiatives relating to natural resource management and development, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and public education;
- b. Provide feedback and recommendations on areas for improvement of the City's environmental programs and performance on an as-needed basis and at the direction of the Mayor and Council;
- c. Maintain a list of expert contacts in the local community and act as intermediary in seeking assistance and expert advice from this contact group on topics and matters related to the environment that may be referred to the Commission by the Mayor and Council or staff;
- d. Develop and advise Mayor and Council on elements of a "sustainable community" framework;
- e. Help formulate and disseminate environmental education and outreach materials;
- f. Provide input on the establishment of a web-site on environmental information for City residents;
- g. Assist in the execution of an environmental award program including evaluating and recommending potential awardees;
- h. Provide support at community outreach and education events, and provide support for proactive environmental activities and volunteer initiatives;

i. Prepare an annual report to Mayor and Council on relevant activities, recommendations, and proposed annual goals and objectives.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its Meeting of September 15, 2014.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, Acting City Clerk

Note: Underlining indicates material added
[Brackets] indicate material deleted