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Regional Planning committees go to Council for approval



Stakeholder Advisory Committee members have been proposed for Regional Areas 2, 4, and 7

Council Resolutions 55-21, 56-21, and 57-21 specify the proposed composition of the Stakeholder Advisory Committees (SACs) for Regions 2, 4, and 7 and will be heard at the November 1 Council meeting. Fifteen to seventeen members were chosen for each SAC. Backgrounds of the proposed members was included in the resolutions and is summarized below.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee composition									
Region	Long time resident	Recent resident	Property owner	Renter	Member - Community Organization	Business representative	Real estate broker or Developer	Youth	Total SAC members
2	9	4	8	2	11	6	3	1	15
4	12	3	9	5	14	5	2	0	16
7	9	5	12	1	12	4	3	0	17

One of the chief concerns of residents of the Regions is whether their committee members can fairly and accurately represent the perspectives and wishes of the overall population of the Region. Commercial interests, such as retail businesses, real estate brokers, and developers can benefit either directly or indirectly from land use changes and often have some degree of conflict of interest in those issues. Consequently, it is of some concern that that each committee includes at least 6 commercial members.

We will hope that broad community input will be solicited on all significant SAC decisions to bolster confidence that community wishes will prevail.

Citizens of the Millersville community rally to oppose tennis center

Residents of the Millersville area have organized with leadership from Old Millersville Neighborhood Association and support from several surrounding community groups to successfully oppose Bill 73-21 in the County Council. The Bill would have enabled construction of a tennis center near Millersville Elementary School in the vicinity of Route 3 and Route 32 by approving a construction and operating lease between the County and

Coppermine Racquet and Fitness, LLC. Coppermine is a private entity proposing to operate the center.

Over a two-week period preceding the final Council hearing, 311 comments on the Bill were submitted by residents, with 304 of these stating opposition. With this overwhelming citizen input, the Bill was defeated in a 3 to 4 vote. Residents were particularly upset with the proximity of the proposed facility to the elementary school, the promise of more traffic on already overcrowded roads, deficiencies of the proposed lease, and a general weariness of excessive development in their area.

Defeat of the bill is an excellent example of the impact that citizens can have when they organize and speak together to achieve a common goal.

Stormwater Success short course offered by WSA

The Watershed Stewards Academy is again offering their short course, "Stormwater Success". The 2021 Course runs from mid-October to early December and explores best management practices to reduce stormwater pollution on a variety of properties.

This seminar will give participants a foundation of knowledge about stormwater and flooding mitigation in Anne Arundel County and the tools they need to navigate the maintenance of stormwater practices, budgeting for their upkeep, and passing County inspections. Visit <http://aawsa.org/stormwater-success> for more information.

Nominations for GAN Board solicited

The GAN Board is soliciting nominations for new Board members. All GAN members are welcome to make nominations. Nominees should expect Board membership to be a commitment of several hours per month for attendance at Board meetings, participation in one or more committees, and contribution to special projects.

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