

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-084-2024

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 11/12/2024

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 9-0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Oriadha and Watson)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on October 1, 2024, to consider CR-084-2024 and voted 9-0 to hold the resolution in Committee for additional discussions. The Committee of the Whole also convened on November 12, 2024, to again discuss CR-084-2024.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, the County Council introduced CR-084-2024, a resolution to adopt the updated Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the resolution and the Policy Analysis submitted by the Budget and Policy Division on CR-084-2024. The Policy Analysis stated that the adoption of CR-084-2024 is not likely to have a direct or indirect fiscal impact.

Ms. Ivy Thompson and Ms. Sonja Ewing, from the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the updated guidelines.

Ms. Janet Gingold, on behalf of the Sierra Club, testified in support of CR-084-2024 with amendments. The Sierra Club would like the resolution amended to include “whereas” clauses that establish priorities for caring for county natural resources and incorporating sustainability best practices into all aspects of our built environment. The amendments establish natural resource conservation, sustainability, greenhouse gas reductions, and climate resilience as priorities in managing Prince George’s County parkland.

Ms. Dinora Hernandez, with the Office of Law, found the resolution to be in proper legislative form and had no legal impediments to its adoption.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison, stated that the County Executive’s Office takes no position on CR-084-2024.

On motion of Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Olson, the County Council Committee of the Whole voted 9-0 favorably on CR-084-2024.