

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/10/2008
Reference No.: CR-038-2008
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Dean
Sponsor(s): Exum
Item Title: A Resolution establishing a multi-agency public/private work group to implement the vision for the Westphalia Central Park.

Drafter: Nellvenia W. Johnson, Legislative Aide
Resource Personnel: Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	5/6/2008 - PZED	Effective Date:
Committee Action:	5/27/2008 - FAV	
Date Introduced:	5/6/2008	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	6/10/2008 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date 5/27/2008

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dean, Knotts, and Olson)

This resolution establishes a multi-agency public/private work group to implement the vision for the planned Westphalia Central Park. The committee will consist of nine members representing agency heads or designees from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the County government as well as representatives from key developers and citizens from the Westphalia community. The committee will be responsible for coordinating development of the Westphalia Central Park. The resolution provides that the final report shall be presented to the County Council no later than May 1, 2010 unless the term of the committee is extended by resolution of the County Council.

The Planning Board takes no position on CR-38-2008. The Office of Law reviewed the resolution and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reviewed the resolution and provided the following fiscal note. While carrying out the responsibilities set forth and envisioned by CR-38-2008 will require the investment of County staff

time and effort for the designated representatives serving on the Westphalia Central Park Advisory Committee, as well as supplemental County staff who will be required to support the efforts of the committee, the additional increment of effort and cost necessitated by the establishment of the proposed committee is estimated to have a minimal and immaterial fiscal impact on the County. In fact, there is a very significant likelihood that the committee may contribute to improved timeliness and coordination among the various County agencies and private/community interests in reaching needed consensus and making decisions, which may result in operational efficiencies and overall cost savings as the project develops.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The 2007 Westphalia Sector Plan envisions a new 150-acre central park near the Westphalia Town Center featuring a lake, a variety of active sports facilities, community event facilities, and family gathering and open space areas. The Plan recommends establishing a multi-agency public/private work group to implement the vision for the Westphalia Central Park on an expedited basis. This resolution establishes this work group for the purpose of coordinating the development of the Westphalia Central Park.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:**INCLUSION FILES:**
