

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

1996 Legislative Session

Resolution No. _____ CR-17-1996

Proposed by _____ Chairman Del Giudice (by request - Planning Board)

Introduced by _____ Council Members Estep and Bailey

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction _____ April 16, 1996

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Master Plan/Sectional Map Amendment

For the purpose of initiating the Heights and Vicinity Master Plan Amendment/Sectional Map Amendment Revision.

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Planning Board may be authorized to prepare a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) concurrently with the initiation of an Area Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 94-95 Planning Department Work Program required a community survey outlining opportunities and constraints in order to identify planning issues and the extent and type of community interest; and

WHEREAS, staff held a series of workshops and community meetings in several localities (Eastover-Forest Heights, Hillcrest Heights-Marlow Heights and Silver Hill-Morningside) to define specific community interests; and

WHEREAS, this outreach activity helped identify community generated issues and opportunities, brought community and local agency resources together to tackle identified social and physical concerns relating to safety and policing, recreation, neighborhood nuisances and community infrastructure needs such as lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 95-96 M-NCPPC Work Program requires a revised Master Plan/SMA which updates policies set by the 1981 Subregion VII Master Plan and 1984 SMA; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis of the revised Master Plan/SMA will be on individual properties and issues identified in Phase I of the project that was completed in FY 95; and

WHEREAS, the District Council enacted amendments (CB-87-1995) to Sections 27-642, 27-643 and 27-644 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, to provide a public participation alternative to Citizen Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has developed a public participation proposal for the Heights consisting of (1) local focus groups to address specifically identified issues, (2) community forums to solicit a wider range of ideas and to give the community a periodic progress report, as well as (3) a community outreach program in which the Planning Department project staff attend community and business group meetings and distributes a project newsletter; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is preparing an Informational Brochure identifying five specific areas where land use and zoning issues should be studied in connection with the plan amendment, including four Metro station areas at Southern Avenue, Naylor Road, Silver Hill/Suitland Parkway, and Auth Road/Branch Avenue for distribution in the community for an anticipated Public Forum; and

WHEREAS, the other area identified as an Issue Area includes the Eastover commercial area along Indian Head Highway; and

WHEREAS, following a public forum the Planning Department staff will present the concepts for the plan amendment revisions and the public participation program to the District Council, and upon its approval, staff will work with the community in FY 97 through issue-oriented focus groups to formulate the Master Plan and SMA revision bases on the specific issues of the District Council and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is hereby directed to prepare concurrently a Master Plan Amendment and Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Area 76A, known as The Heights, in accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 1996.

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COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Stephen J. Del Giudice
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council