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**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO OVERSEE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SHADY GROVE SECTOR PLAN**

**SILVER SPRING** – The Montgomery County Planning Board today unanimously appointed 10 civic and community leaders in the Shady Grove area to serve on a newly formed advisory committee that will monitor the implementation of the Shady Grove sector plan, increase public outreach and share information with other residents in the area.

A sector plan is a slightly more detailed master plan, typically linked to a smaller, transit-served area. A sector plan offers urban design guidance for the ultimate development of the sector plan area.

When fully implemented, the Shady Grove sector plan will transform existing industrial land uses at the Shady Grove Metro Station into a vibrant mixed use residential community. The existing county service park -- which includes the Ride-On bus depot and Park and Planning's central maintenance facility – could be relocated to the central part of the county.

In August, the Planning Board sought applications for the committee from interested members of the Shady Grove area. All committee members serve a two-year term.

**Pat Labuda** and **Brad Botwin** are the co-presidents of the Shady Grove Civic Alliance – the civic organization that will be most impacted by the implementation of the sector plan. **Joesph Parelo** has particular interest in historic Old Derwood. **John Compton** is the current mayor of Washington Grove, a municipality which is listed on the national register of the historic properties. **Adam Brand** is a newly emerging activist who was involved in the MD 355/I 270 Corridor Study.

**Brian Pierce** will represent the King Farm Association and can help coordinate implementation with adjoining municipalities such as the City of Rockville -- which has its own independent planning and zoning authority. **Michael McInerney** currently operates a plumbing business and is strongly considering moving his business into the mixed-use area when the sector plan is fully implemented.

**George Donovan** lives in the Mill Creek Community and serves on the Land Use Committee and the Up County Citizen Advisory Board. **Pamela Lindstrom** is an experienced community activist well versed in the importance of balancing jobs and housing in the up-county area, especially in transit station areas. **Diana Heller** brings a breadth of experience in advocating for parks, recreation facilities and community facilities.

“For the community to have a voice in the process, we need their involvement,” said Planning Board Chairman Royce Hanson. “These individuals have showcased their commitment to their community and have an interest in making sure implementing the plan goes as smoothly as possible.”

The first meeting of the committee will be held at the Park and Planning training facility on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The training facility is located on Crabbs Branch Way in Rockville. Members of the public are welcome to attend any or all of the committee meetings.

During the public appointment hearing, the Planning Board also commend Park and Planning staff for receiving the “best plan” award from the Maryland chapter of the American Planning Association.

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