

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2022 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-025-2022

Proposed by Council Member Davis

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Taveras, Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 5, 2022

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Westphalia Central Park Implementation Committee

3 For the purpose of re-naming and expanding the membership, mission and responsibilities of the
 4 multi-agency public/private work group to implement the vision for the Westphalia Central Park.

5 WHEREAS, the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the
 6 District Council, adopted CR-2-2007 on February 6, 2007, The Westphalia Sector Plan and
 7 Sectional Map Amendment, thereby defining long-range land use and development policies,
 8 detailed zoning policies, and community improvement proposals within the area generally
 9 defined by Ritchie-Marlboro Road to the northeast, the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the west, and
 10 Pennsylvania Avenue (MD 4) to the south, consisting of a portion of Planning Area 78, the
 11 boundaries of which are described in the Zoning Ordinance; and

12 WHEREAS, the Adopted Westphalia Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment provided
 13 strategies for the creation of a park system consisting of public and private parks and green
 14 spaces; and

15 WHEREAS, the Plan describes Westphalia Central Park community focus areas, with
 16 development overlooking them and roads winding along their edges; and

17 WHEREAS, this park should become a regional draw and icon for Westphalia and include
 18 an iconic element as the central feature of the park with extensively landscaped edge and paths;
 19 and

20 WHEREAS, the Plan describes active and passive recreation facilities such as a tennis
 21 center, an amphitheater, a waterfront activities center, a restaurant with patio, a multi-age
 22 playground, a skate park, a splash park, sports fields and courts, a dog park, pedestrian, bicycle,

1 and equestrian trails, and similar features; and

2 WHEREAS, the Plan provided for the formation of a multi-agency public/private work
3 group to implement the vision for the Westphalia Central Park on an expedited basis; and

4 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the County Council may appoint, for
5 designated periods, temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the
6 consideration of County policies and programs; and

7 WHEREAS, it was appropriate to create an advisory committee pursuant to CR-2-2007 to
8 implement the vision for the Westphalia Central Park; and

9 WHEREAS, the Prince George's Council created the Westphalia Central Park Advisory
10 Committee through adoption of CR-31-2014; and

11 WHEREAS, the Prince George's Council wishes to re-name and expand the membership,
12 mission, and responsibilities of the committee; and

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
14 County, Maryland, that the Westphalia Central Park Implementation Committee is hereby
15 established.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Westphalia Central Park
17 Implementation Committee shall consist of eleven members and its membership shall include:

- 18 1. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or the Director's
19 designee who shall serve as the Chair;
- 20 2. The Director of the Planning Department or the Director's designee;
- 21 3. The Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation or the Director's
22 designee;
- 23 4. The Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement or the
24 Director's designee;
- 25 5. Three representatives or their successors as follows: one each from Smith Home Farms,
26 the Town Center, one representative from an additional developer contributing to Central Park
27 Fund; and
- 28 6. Four representatives from the Westphalia Sector community.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following agencies and entities shall be requested
30 to participate and provide individuals with approval authority: Council Member or designee
31 representing the Sixth Councilmanic District, Prince George's County Public School System, the

1 Maryland Department of the Environment, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Prince
2 George's County Arts and Humanities Council and such other agencies and entities as may be
3 deemed appropriate by the County Council.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mission of the Implementation Committee shall be
5 to coordinate the development of the Westphalia Central Park, provide implementation strategies
6 with the available park club fees, including but not limited to phasing plans, implementation
7 schedule, public engagement, and other implementation-related responsibilities; administer the
8 implementation progress and provide feedback to staff on outstanding implementation issues or
9 concern; report to the county council on the progress of the implementation; participate in
10 monthly or bi-monthly meetings to track the implementation progress.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the agencies shall include: to provide
12 professional expertise to help promote sustainability/resiliency, accessibility, connectivity, and
13 constructability; document the Implementation Committee meeting discussions; represent the
14 public sectors to address and resolve regulatory issues or concerns; coordinate with developers in
15 the Westphalia Sector Plan on the development activities; coordinate with internal agencies in
16 the Westphalia Sector Plan on the infrastructure activities.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the community representatives shall be
18 advisory and include representing Westphalia Sector communities, providing public comment on
19 programming, design, and implementation on the areas in each phase.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the developer representatives shall include
21 updating the Committee on the progress of the Phase 1 implementation; informing the committee
22 of the up-to-date development activities in the sector plan; coordinating with the agencies as
23 needed for any development activities that will impact Westphalia Central Park.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Westphalia Central Park Advisory Committee shall
25 provide periodic reports to the County Council and shall submit an annual report on or before
26 July 1st and a final report by 2026 unless the term of the Committee shall be extended by
27 resolution of the County Council.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council Administrator and the Director of
29 the Department of Parks and Recreation shall appoint appropriate staff to assist and advise the
30 Westphalia Central Park Implementation Committee with coordination and preparation of the
31 periodic and final reports led by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Adopted this 12th day of April, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council