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MEMORANDUM

To: Redevelopment Board
From: Claire V. Ricker, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)
Date: May 20, 2024
RE: Proposed AMPUp Advisory Committee (Arlington Master Plan Update Advisory Committee)

Thirteen community members have been selected to work with the Redevelopment Board, Planning Department, Select Board, Arlington residents, property owners, and a master plan consultant to develop a long-term visionary blueprint of action steps to update Arlington's Master Plan of 2015. Thirty-two applications for the committee were received by the due date of April 14, 2024, and applications were reviewed between April 19, 2024, and April 30, 2024.

The applicants selected to serve on the committee are Tristan Boyd, Angelique Bradford, Grant Cook, Rachel Dunham, Jonathan Gowin, Molly Hargrove, Lillian Hartman, Anne LeRoy, Julie McNulty, Cheryl Miller, Arthur Prokosch, Paul Selker, and Rachel Weil. The 6-member selection team was composed of the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, the Town Clerk, the Public Information Officer, and the Director and Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development. The criteria for selection were a demonstrated commitment to collaboration, ability to commit to a two-year effort, ability to meet at least once per month, interest in several of the nine plan elements such as land use, housing, economic development, transportation, public services and facilities, open space/recreation, and natural, historic or cultural resources, and a demonstrated commitment to public engagement and open communication. In addition, our goal was to include a cross-section of Arlington's various demographics including representation from the Disabled community, people who rent their homes in Arlington, residents who are also local business owners, as well as geographic representation from the multiple neighborhoods in Arlington.

The first task of the AMPUp Advisory Committee will be to review a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional planning consultants. Staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development are in the process of drafting the RFP. It is anticipated that the RFP will be published in late July with consultant interviews in October in order to have a consultant under contract by November 2024. In consultation with the planning consultant, specific task working groups will likely be utilized throughout the planning process to best apply community-based expertise.