

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 8

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2018

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of David Drasin to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

Introduced and read first time on June 4, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 18, 2018.

Tabled - 7/2/18

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on October 1, 2018.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Resumé for David Drasin

Summary of qualifications:

Professor of Mathematics, Purdue University 1966-2012,
Emeritus: 2012- present

AB: Temple University, 1962

PhD: Cornell, 1966

Languages: have lectures in French and Spanish (mathematics), and have had conversational fluency in Swedish. Some knowledge of Russian and German; I have needed to read materials in those languages for my professional work.

Recognitions:

- (*) Award 1994 university wide for Helping Students Learn
- (*) Invited address, International Congress of Mathematicians, 1994
- (*) Invited hour address, American Mathematical Society, 1986
- (*) Visiting professor at Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm), Helsinki University (Finland), Imperial College (London), Universidad Autónoma (Madrid)

Relevant experience: Completed Central Maryland Transportation Alliance course Transportation 101

in December 2017. I have used the full portfolio of public transportation offered in Howard

County:

RTA, MTA, as well as having experience with transit in Baltimore/

Washington as a consumer.

In my academic work, I lectured and traveled to many countries, and have experience with how different environments handle transportation, pedestrian and cycling issues. Sweden, Germany and Finland seem the most advanced, but I have experienced extended periods depending on public transportation and cycling in London, Beijing and Madrid.

We have lived here for 26 months. In the past I was an avid cyclist, but at this stage of life my primary exercise is walking/light jogging (in years past I completed 6 marathons). I have been through much of Columbia's system of paths, and watching people enjoy our parts is a pleasure we experience directly from our kitchen window.

That said, I see two important issues of concern for pedestrians here:

- (*) many of the paths seem more designed for recreation than destination—many commercial and transportation destinations are not tied into the system;
- (*) many roads do not have pedestrian footpaths, and (for example on Route 175) the zebra-crossings still leave pedestrians with little protection or comfort. This is a big issue in neighboring Montgomery county.

As is typical in metropolitan Maryland, traffic and congestion are serious quality-of-life and safety issues. What seems especially unfortunate is that other than on weekday rush hour, it is at best awkward/difficult to access either major nearby metropolis on public transport and not much visible initiative to ameliorate the situation. This contrasts with plans I read about for Montgomery County and Virginia, for example.

Sayers, Margery

From: Lee, David K.
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 2:55 PM
To: David Drasin
Cc: Graham, Clive; Wohl, Alexandra; Sager, Jennifer; Sayers, Margery; Nichols, Philip
Subject: RE: Regret

Mr. Drasin,

Per our phone conversation, I understand that you will be out of the country and unavailable to attend the County Council's public on Monday, June 18. Similarly, you have indicated that you will be away on travel and unavailable for the following public hearing on July 16. The Council is in recess during the month of August, so the next public hearing that you will be available to attend is on September 17. Please mark your calendar accordingly, and please understand that the Council cannot vote to confirm your appointment until you have appeared before them at a public hearing. So the earliest you could be confirmed is October 1.

Thank you,

David

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From: David Drasin [mailto:drasind@gmail.com]
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To: Kittleman, Allan <AKittleman@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Regret

Thank you for appointing me to the HC Multimodal Transportation Board.
I am delighted to accept.

However, I leave this afternoon for Helsinki, Finland, and will not return until June 25. So I will not be able to appear at your meeting at this time.

Thanks, and I will contact Ms Sayers right now, but wanted to give a heads up.

David Drasin