

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 12

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robert Gorman to the Howard County Design Advisory Panel.

Introduced and read first time on November 2, 2015.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on November 16, 2015.

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

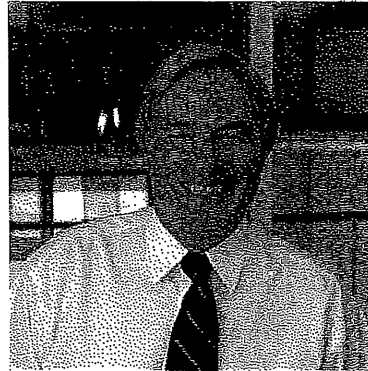
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on December 7, 2015.

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

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Robert Gorman, RLA , FASLA

Bob specializes in site analysis and programming, creative planning and design for urban projects, resort destinations and leisure developments.



Professional Summary

Bob Gorman created GormanDesign, Inc., to focus on the design of complex destination and hospitality projects.

Bob has nearly 40 years of experience in the design and development field. He was a partner at RTKL Associates where he was the director of the planning and landscape architecture group. Bob joined RTKL in 1989 after 17 years at Land Design/Research (LDR), where he was a principal and partner. In 2006, Bob joined forces with Mahan Rykiel Associates, where he maintains his office.

Master Planning: Mr. Gorman's portfolio covers an international spectrum of assignments from the competition-winning design for the development of a new waterfront town center in Kishiwada, Japan, to the development of a strategy to enhance tourism along the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland.

His work includes plans for regional parks, office campuses, new communities and schemes to revitalize urban neighborhoods and downtowns. In the past 10-15 years, Bob's primary focus has been master planning and site design for resort and destination projects. Bob led a team in preparing a master plan for Fallaka Island off the coast of Kuwait. The 17 by 4 mile island featured seven different destination resorts. He recently completed the master plan through design development for the Wuatl Hilton Resort and Conference Center in Shanxi, China.

Development Strategies: Mr. Gorman's experience in crafting successful development strategies is exemplified by his work with the Downtown Partnership in Little Rock, Arkansas. Starting in 1993, Bob led the planning team in preparing a master plan for the river front area that culminated in the development of the River Market and District, a multi-block redevelopment strategy highlighting both public and private initiatives. The entire plan was implemented over the next 7 years and led to additional assignments in that City, including, assisting in justifying the City's acquisition of 20 acres of waterfront for the new Clinton Center Campus and Presidential Library.

Site Design: Mr. Gorman has been recognized for his design work with awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects, the AIA and the National Waterfront Center. His completed projects include entire urban districts, parks, resorts and mixed use developments, both in the States and abroad.

Visibility and Outreach: Bob is an active member of several professional societies, and a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has written a number of articles for professional journals on urban revitalization, resort development and leisure issues. In addition he has lectured for the Urban Land Institute, The American Resort Development Association, The ICSC (retail) and TILE (a European-based, entertainment industry group). He has been a guest lecturer and design juror at Penn State University, The University of Maryland and the Cornell University Hotel School. Bob initiated, and for three summers led a course in resort design and development for the Harvard Graduate School of Design, professional development program.