

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***January 15, 2015*

On motion of Vice Chair Richards, seconded by Commissioner Castor, it was unanimously adopted that:

BACKGROUND

- 1.** The Montgomery County Planning Commission prepared the current comprehensive plan for the County, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2005, and the Planning Commission has the duty of preparing a new comprehensive plan for Montgomery County.
- 2.** The Planning Commission has prepared a new County comprehensive plan in accordance with Sections 209.1 and 301 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, with said plan titled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision, the New Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County*, dated 2015.
- 3.** The plan consists of two volumes, which include *Montgomery County Today* and *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, with the first volume, titled *Montgomery County Today*, consisting of background information on Montgomery County, including existing conditions, recent trends, and future forecasts about the County on regional position, people, health, built environment, natural environment, open space, recreation, housing, the economy, infrastructure, cultural resources, and government; and with the second volume, titled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, consisting of 15 goals divided into three themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy and containing a Development Potential map, a Future Land Use map, various transportation project maps, infrastructure maps, conservation maps and supporting text, tables, and charts.
- 4.** As part of the preparation of this new comprehensive plan, the Planning Commission held four public meetings to solicit input on *Montgomery County Today* and the goals for the County; held four public meetings on *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*; worked with a 28-member Steering Committee with representatives from the public, non-profit, and business communities; met with many municipalities and interest groups on the plan; sent the draft plans to all municipalities and school districts within the County as well as all abutting counties, municipalities, and school districts; and considered

the comments received and incorporated appropriate revisions into the plans.

5. By resolution dated November 12, 2014, the Planning Commission has certified that it has prepared a plan consistent with the requirements of the planning code, and has recommended that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the plan.
6. On January 7, 2015, the County Commissioners held a public hearing in accordance with Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in order to take any final public input on the proposed Comprehensive Plan.
7. The County Commissioners recognize that it is essential for the health, safety and welfare of all County residents for Montgomery County to have an up-to-date set of coordinated policies to guide the County's physical development, preserve its natural and cultural resources, and make optimum use of its financial resources.
8. The County Commissioners recognize the need for the County comprehensive plan to serve as a basis for intra-county cooperation and coordination among the 62 townships and boroughs, 23 school districts, numerous special-purpose authorities, boards, and commissions.
9. The County comprehensive plan will continue to serve as a policy guide for all units of Montgomery County government.
10. The County comprehensive plan will continue to present a comprehensive set of County plans, goals, and policies for the use and guidance of regional, state, and federal agencies.

**THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County accept and adopt a new comprehensive plan for Montgomery County, containing two volumes and entitled *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*, consisting of current conditions, trends and forecasts for the County, as well as fifteen goals divided into the three themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economies; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Planning Commission is hereby directed to continue to refine, maintain, and update its plans as necessary to ensure that the policies of the comprehensive plan are

fully supported, maintained, and implemented in a reasonable and up-to-date manner, and to conduct new studies and prepare new plans that may become necessary as Montgomery County continues to change and face new issues; and

***IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that the County Planning Commission is hereby directed to transmit an accurate copy of the plan and a copy of this resolution to the governing body of each municipality in Montgomery County, to each school district and school district library in Montgomery County, all public libraries in the County, County colleges, and to appropriate County departments and agencies to ensure compliance with Sections 303, 304, 305, and 306 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and to other appropriate municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies.