

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	June 22, 2009
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Approved By	

Discussion Item	Resolution Recognizing Former Ward 6 Councilmember Doug Barry
Background	Doug Barry was elected to the Takoma Park City Council in November 2003. He resigned from the City Council on May 27, 2009 to relocate out of Takoma Park.
Policy	The Council may adopt resolutions to recognize individuals who have contributed to the Takoma Park community.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Draft resolution recognizing former Ward 6 Councilmember Doug Barry.
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution.
Special Consideration	

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**Resolution 2009-
Recognizing Former Ward 6 Councilmember Doug Barry**

- WHEREAS, Doug Barry was elected to the Takoma Park City Council in November 2003 as the representative for Ward 6; and,
- WHEREAS, in his approximately six years on the Takoma Park City Council, Councilmember Barry diligently worked for the betterment of Ward 6, with a particular emphasis on quality of life issues; and,
- WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Councilmember Barry advocated for strong code enforcement, additional trash receptacles, traffic calming measures, and the installation of Gateway Wayfinding signage to enhance the quality of life in Ward 6; and,
- WHEREAS, in addition to his attention to the day-to-day concerns of his constituents, Councilmember Barry was a visionary elected official who recognized the vibrancy of Ward 6 and the potential that could be realized through the revitalization of the New Hampshire Avenue corridor; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Barry was a strong proponent of the business sector of Ward 6, working closely with the Takoma-Langley Crossroads Development Authority and area businesses on many issues, including joint advocacy of public transit projects, transportation system enhancements, pedestrian safety initiatives, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and,
- WHEREAS, during his tenure on the City Council, Councilmember Barry was a strong proponent of the Purple Line and the Sector Plan Process, participating in many meetings and testifying on behalf of the City; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Barry greatly appreciated the diversity of both Ward 6 residents and its business sector, reaching out to all segments of his ward and frequenting the many unique businesses that are in Ward 6; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Barry worked in a collaborative manner with his Council colleagues, the City staff, and City residents for the betterment of the entire Takoma Park community; and,
- WHEREAS, as an elected official, Councilmember Barry was greatly admired for his careful consideration of policy issues, the civility and respect which he showed to everyone, and the sense of humor that he brought to the position of Councilmember; and,
- WHEREAS, because of his family's relocation to the District of Columbia, Councilmember Barry resigned from the City Council and left office on May 27, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND hereby recognizes the contributions that Councilmember Doug Barry has made to the City of Takoma Park during his six years of service on the Takoma Park City Council; and,

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2009.

Bruce R. Williams
Mayor