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BUP ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee to Serve July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

July 24, 2017 (Bethesda, MD) – The Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc. (BUP) announces the 2017/2018 Executive Committee who will served from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. The Executive Committee members are: Chair, **Jack Alexander** of AMR Commercial and The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce representative; Vice Chair, **Robert Donohoe** of The Donohoe Companies and an Optional Method Developer Representative; Treasurer, **Len Simon**, Residential Representative from Planning Area and Secretary, **Deborah Michaels**, Residential Rep. from Neighborhood in Close Proximity to Urban District.

“Bethesda is home to businesses, residents and developers whose common goal is to ensure that our downtown continues to be place to live, work and play that is second to none,” said Jack Alexander. “As a Bethesda native, I’m honored to represent downtown Bethesda and lead the Bethesda Urban Partnership as we work to maintain our success as a vibrant downtown.”

The Bethesda Urban Partnership Board of Directors also includes:

Elaine Joost, Residential Representative from within the Urban District
Greg Rooney of The Bernstein Companies, Optional Method Developer Representative
Jane Fairweather of The Jane Fairweather Team, Small Business Representative
Patrick O’Neill of Lerch, Early & Brewer, The Greater Bethesda Chamber Representative
Andrew Jones of Brookfield, Optional Method Developer Representative
Samir Paul, Citizens Advisory Board Representative
Kenneth Hartman, Director, Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (Ex-Officio)
Rick Ammirato, Executive Director, Bethesda Urban Partnership (Ex-Officio)

Bethesda Urban Partnership’s Board members are appointed by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and approved by the Montgomery County Council for a three-year term. Members are then eligible to serve a second three-year term for a total of six years.

Established by Montgomery County in 1994, the **Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc. (BUP)** has 35 employees working in maintenance, marketing, transportation management and administration. In its 20-year operation, BUP created Bethesda Transportation Solutions (BTS) in 2000, established the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District in 2002, took over management of the Bethesda Circulator in 2006, and opened Gallery B in 2011 and Studio B in 2014. Marquis events include the annual Taste of Bethesda, Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, Bethesda Outdoor Movies, Summer Concerts and more.

For more information, please visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.