

## **Staff Report**

### **Resolution 20-14**

#### **Honoring Jon Arason's Service to the City of Annapolis**

The proposed resolution would honor Jon Arason's distinguished service to the City of Annapolis as Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Arason was promoted to the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning in 1996 and was responsible for the administration of a multi-disciplinary, full-service municipal planning and zoning department to include overseeing the approval, permitting and construction of major residential, commercial and mixed-use projects in the City. During his tenure as Director spanning several mayoral administrations, Mr. Arason oversaw the preparation and adoption of two Comprehensive Plans for Annapolis, the first one adopted in 1998 and the current Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2009.

Mr. Arason received the award for the top smart growth project in Maryland and the International Liveable Communities Gold Award for Acton's Landing, the redevelopment of the downtown hospital site that was a very complex project requiring extensive coordination between the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission and significant public outreach. The Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association also honored him with an award for the neighborhood conservation overlay zone written for the Eastport neighborhood in Annapolis.

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