



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of March 16, 2016

Response to Question from March 16 Council Meeting

Dog Park Update – Staff continues to work on this project. As you know, the City applied for a permit from MNCPPC to stage construction on the parking lot of the Takoma Piney Branch Park and to allow users of the dog park access through the parking lot. The City has received initial comments and is addressing those. Staff plans to resubmit the updated drawings to MNCPPC based on their comments this month and expects it will take about a month to hear back from M-NCPPC. We will let you know when we have resubmitted the drawings. We continue to believe we can complete the project during this fiscal year, but will not know until we hear back from MNCPPC.

Information to Share

City Wins 10th GFOA Award for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – For the tenth year in a row, the City – and former Finance Director Yovonda Brooks – has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. As the announcement letter reads, “The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.” This was a particularly challenging CAFR to prepare, given the new requirements to report pension liabilities differently and due to the retirement of Ms. Brooks. I am proud of our Finance Department staff for all of their excellent work managing the City’s finances on a day-to-day basis and then working with the auditors to ensure that our financial records are clearly presented to the Council and the community.

My Schedule

No time away is planned until late May, after the City’s FY17 budget is adopted.

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