



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of April 20, 2016

Information to Share

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The City is partnering with the Electric Vehicle Institute to install electric vehicle charging stations in Takoma Park. The stations will be Level 2 stations and are being provided, installed, and maintained at no cost to the City for a period of three years. Beginning April 25, 12 charging units will be installed on City property including the City parking lot on Carroll Avenue, the parking lot at BY Morrison Park (Ethan Allen Ave and Carroll Ave) and the Community Center (rear lot and Grant Ave lot). The City hopes to add additional stations in the near future. Any commercial or large multi-family property owner interested in hosting an EV charging station on their lot should contact the Gina Mathias, the Sustainability Manager at 301-891-7623 or GinaM@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Junction Update

We have not been made aware of progress made in negotiations between NDC and the Co-op since our report last week. We continue to check in frequently. As noted in last week's update, the revised draft of the Development Agreement and a preliminary Ground Lease were forwarded to NDC for consideration on Tuesday, April 12. NDC has acknowledged receipt of the documents but has not provided specific comment on either as of today. Preliminary discussion of the proposed Community Consultation Advisory Committee is scheduled for the Council's April 27 work session. The proposal from NDC is included in the agenda materials for that meeting which have been posted and can be accessed online

County Council Tax Duplication Work Sessions

The Montgomery County Government Operations (GO) Committee will be considering the budget requests for municipal tax duplication items on Monday, April 25 at 9:30 am in the 7th Floor Council Hearing Room in the County Office Building in Rockville. Several staff will be attending. Councilmembers are also welcome to attend. We haven't yet seen the staff report for the item. On a related note, the County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee recommended approval of having the County pay stormwater management fee on property it owns inside of municipalities. The revenue

amount for Takoma Park is negligible, but is more substantial for Rockville and Gaithersburg.

Yellow Pesticide Signs

The small yellow warning signs that residents may see on properties are required by the State to be posted when pesticides are applied by commercial lawn care companies. Unfortunately, lawn care companies seem to post the signs any time they provide treatment at a property - whether it includes pesticide application or not. This creates confusion. The City requires signs when treatments allowed by City law are applied that provide more information. If residents are concerned about signs they see, they should call our Public Works Department for investigation.

My Schedule

I will be away May 5-6 and 12-17.

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