



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of June 15, 2016

Information to Share

Takoma Junction Agenda Item

We have not yet posted the Takoma Junction Agenda Item and associated documents because we are still awaiting final review by the developer. There have been a number of back-and-forths this week between the City and NDC regarding the financial terms of the ground lease, more than we expected, which has held up finalizing the document. At this point, we still anticipate posting the documents this week.

Additionally, please note that the open house related to the Takoma Junction has been scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, June 29th. Details will be forthcoming soon.

In Solidarity with Those Affected by the Mass Shooting in Orlando

A vigil is planned for Thursday, June 16 at 7 pm at the gazebo at Carroll and Westmoreland Avenue, organized by members of the community. The organizers are urging people to bring candles and noise makers.

The Takoma Park Library will be hosting an LGBTQ Picture Book Read-Out Event on Monday, June 20 at 7 pm in the Children's Room. The event will both celebrate the fact that June is LGBTQ Month and to honor the memory of those who recently lost their lives. We will be reading picture books from our collection using our ELMO document camera and big screen. The event is for all ages.

Community Conversation on Youth Success

A reminder that the Community Conversation on Youth Success is this Saturday. It will be held at the Community Center from 12:30-4:00pm. We have some great speakers and community booths lined up and hope the Council will continue to help us spread the word about the event. #TkPkYTHsuccess

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

We will be installing signs later this week or next that restrict parking at the new electric vehicle charging stations. Initially, non-electric vehicles will still be permitted to park in the spaces, but only for limited one hour parking. Electric vehicles will be permitted to park in the spaces to charge for between two and four hours, depending on the space.

We plan to closely monitor and enforce these restrictions and will make adjustments as necessary.

Carroll Avenue Bridge and Sligo Creek Parkway

A new date for the closing of the Carroll Avenue Bridge has not yet been set, nor has a date for the turning on of the traffic signals before the bridge closing. The pedestrian bridge may be open as soon as tomorrow. Some residents have had questions about whether a portion of Sligo Creek Parkway will stay open to vehicles on Sundays once the bridge is closed. The answer is “yes” – the section needed for the road detour will be open seven days a week once the bridge is closed.

Follow-Up from Last Council Meeting

SHA Detour Sign

Councilmember Smith noted that SHA had placed a detour sign on a resident’s private property and asked staff to follow up with SHA about moving it. The sign has been relocated.

Overgrown Vegetation

Mayor Stewart reported that a stop sign at the intersection of Poplar and 4th Avenues was obscured by vegetation. Public Works staff trimmed the magnolia tree that was obscuring the sign. We also plan to install a second stop sign on the other side of the street to enhance notification. Overgrown vegetation around the Community Center will also be trimmed.

Memorial Park

Councilmember Kovar passed along information from a resident about a hole/ unevenness in the ground at Memorial Park that caused the resident to sprain his ankle. Public Works staff addressed the issue by filling in the hole.

911 Call Data

Councilmember Qureshi requested data on response times for Takoma Park residents who dial 911 and receive a response from Prince Georges County EMS. Chief Goldberg is in the process of determining what data is available. We will follow up with Council when we have more information.

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