



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of November 30, 2016

Information to Share

Portion of Back Parking Lot Closed Tomorrow Morning

Tomorrow morning a contractor will be replacing some of the rooftop air handlers on the top of the Community Center building, which requires the use of a crane. Just today, we learned that the crane will need to be placed at the back of the building and will require that we close off a portion of the back parking lot on the side closest to PBES. About 20 parking spaces will be impacted, including those reserved for City vehicles and the charging stations. Staff has been asked to park on Maple or Grant to maximize the number of spaces available for visitors to the Community Center. The work should commence around 6 a.m. and be completed by noon.

No Takoma Junction Letter of Intent

As you know, NDC did not submit a Letter of Intent indicating an agreement had been reached with the Co-op by yesterday's deadline. At your next meeting on December 7, you will be considering what next steps to take, as delineated in the Development Agreement.

Noise Control Board – Organizational Meeting Tomorrow Night

The Noise Control Board will hold its first meeting tomorrow night - Thursday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. in the Lilac Room. The agenda will be focused on organizational matters.

Public Meeting Re: Eastern Avenue Rehabilitation

City staff (PW Director and Construction Manager) will attend a public meeting presented by the DC Department of Transportation regarding the rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue between New Hampshire Avenue and Whittier Street. As this project develops and we receive more information, we will update the Project Directory and provide links to DDOT project information.

Requests to Use Auditorium

We have two requests from community groups to use the auditorium and have the associated fees waived by Council, as follows. In lieu of a formal resolution, we are hoping to get direction from Council on whether to approve a fee waiver:

- 1) Bruce Krohmer on behalf of the Takoma Park Jazz Fest requests use of the space in early December to hold a promotional concert/information session about the Jazz Fest, which has seen declining attendance in recent years.
- 2) The Sam Abbott Living Legacy Project of Historic Takoma Historic requests to use the space for a "Sanctuary City" forum focused on the history of the

Sanctuary City legislation in Takoma Park and more generally the current status of sanctuary cities in the U.S.

Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed from Friday, December 23 at 12:30 p.m. through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. Offices will also be closed on Sunday, January 1 through Monday, January 2 for the New Year Holiday.

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