



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of January 30, 2019

Information to Share

Council Retreat Meeting #2 Postponed to February 5

A quick note that the second Council Retreat meeting that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in the Hydrangea Room.

December Incident Involving K9 Officer

As you know, in December there was a terrible incident where a Takoma Park police dog bit a Washington, D.C. resident. The police officer who works with the trained police dog was in pursuit of people who had stolen a vehicle but the police dog acted in an unexpected way and bit a resident walking in the area. The incident occurred just across the line into Washington, D.C. The police dog has been recertified since the incident, but we have chosen to keep the dog out of service. Investigations are being conducted internally by the Takoma Park Police Department and by the Metropolitan Police Department Internal Affairs Unit. Our investigation has effectively concluded and we are awaiting information from the MPD regarding theirs before issuing a formal statement.

Last night, we received a letter from DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, where the incident occurred, with questions about our response and Police Department policies and procedures related to 1) the use of K-9 officers and 2) cross-jurisdictional operations/operations in boundary areas. The ANC requested a response by February 15. We should have a response to them within the next few days.

Kudos

Kudos and congratulations to **Jessie Carpenter**, City Clerk/Director of Council Affairs, and **Leicia Monfort**, Teen Program Manager, for their recognition by the United for an Engaged Community as 2019 Unsung Heroes! The award, presented at the Takoma Foundation's get together on Saturday, reflects all of the hard work – much of it behind the scenes – that Jessie and Leicia engage in daily in order to enhance the lives of Takoma Park residents. Great job!



Photo Credit: Doris Duarte

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising and/or interviewing for a number of positions including Recreation Program Leaders, Recreation Program Assistant, Sanitation Driver, Contract CDL Driver, Police Officer, Police Intern, and Sustainability Intern.