



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of May 9, 2018

Information to Share

John Nevins Andrews Property Update – Proposed Land Exchange

As you know, the Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists is in the process of selling the John Nevins Andrews property (117 Elm Avenue) to CentroNia. During the contracting process, it was discovered that the legal description in the deeds to the properties differs from the parameters of the tax parcel. Simply stated, a portion of the park and pathway on the southern end of the property are actually on land owned by the Conference and part of the school's parking lot and land within the fenced in area are owned by the City. The land has been used in this manner for decades (the deeds were recorded between 1938 and 1960). In order to resolve the discrepancy, the Conference has requested a land exchange as depicted below. Section One (highlighted in green), which is currently owned by the Conference, would be exchanged for Sections Two (highlighted in pink), which are currently owned by the City.

Because this land exchange reflects our understanding of how the properties have always been used and the square footage of the land swap pieces are approximately equal, I recommend that the Council agree to the proposal. The City Attorney's office sees no problem with the exchange from a legal perspective. The Council will need to vote whether to approve the boundary change via a two-reading ordinance. I suggest a work session be held on June 6, with action on the ordinance taking place on June 23 and 30.



Outdoor Café Permit Regulations

The City Manager has provided the Council with a proposed regulation on Outdoor Café Permits per Council's direction. Proposed Final Regulations such as this are approved by the City Manager and forwarded to Council. The Council may accept the regulations, modify or withdraw, or take no action (if no action is taken, the regulation becomes final). Once a decision is made, we must publish a notice in the Newsletter. Ten days after publication, the regulation becomes effective.

Kudos

Kudos to all the staff involved in making this year's TkPk5k another great success! Staff from HCD, Public Works, Police, City TV/Communications, and others all contributed. A special shout out to **Lucy Neher**, who led the effort.

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Community Development Manager for Housing and Community Services, IT Intern, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Sanitation Tech, Recreation Program Leader, and Contract CDL Driver.