



City of Takoma Park

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ARPA:

Recipients of the Direct Cash Assistance are being contacted with a brief survey concerning the program. If you were approved for this program, please take a few moments and respond to this survey so that the City can better serve you in the future.

Public outreach for the Direct Cash Assistance program continues but has only brought in a few more approved applications and we continue to see a number of applicants from folks who believe there has been another round of funding. We are working to organize additional in-person events to try and reach as many people as possible before the end of October. We are now eyeing early November for next round of Council deliberation on what will happen next in the program.

Finance:

The city has been working on our yearly audit since the end of August. The Auditors will be working out of the Atrium meeting space for the next two weeks to finish the process.

The City met with the Police Pension Board on Tuesday, September 12th. The Actuary will give the Council a presentation in November with recommendations for contribution and will provide an updated rate for the FY25 budget. The City has broached the topic of ESG (Environmental, Social, & Corporate Governance) investments. Discussion included returning to quarterly meetings, so the next meeting will be January 2024.

Housing & Community Development Updates:

Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Planning Board Public Hearing

9/14/2023 6:00PM

Multiple - M-NCPPC Offices (Wheaton), Community Center simulcast, Virtual

The Montgomery County Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing for the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. The Public Hearing will take place at M-NCPPC's Wheaton Headquarters as well as virtually through the Planning Board's website. It will also be live streamed at the Takoma Park Community Center for the public to watch and provide testimony. Please note that you had to sign up in advance to testify and registration is now closed.

An overview of the process in the auditorium on September 14th:

- Technicians will be onsite to handle any technical difficulties in a timely manner.
- Seating will be reserved for any Council members who decide to participate from the Community Center.
- The meeting will be run by the Planning Board staff, they will call forward the people who have registered to submit testimony from their list.
- If you have signed up to provide testimony and are attending at the Community Center, please be sure to check in upon arrival with Larissa from the Planning Board.
- Testimony is limited to three minutes.
- If you did not register in advance to provide verbal testimony, there will be instructions provided with how to submit written testimony.



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Public Works Updates:

The new Sustainability Manager, Dorothy Estrada, started work this past Monday. She most recently was the Community & Economic Development Coordinator at Hyattsville and has a BS in Environmental Science and an MS in Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design, having studied in Germany and Egypt.

City Manager Updates:

Library Construction will begin as soon as September 18th and will impact the availability of parking at the Community Center. Visitor spaces and short-term parking will be marked in both the rear of the building and along Maple Avenue. For the most up-to-date information, type 'Takoma Library renovation' in the search bar on any Takoma Park web page, or use the link posted with the City Manager's Comments tomorrow.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/library/library-and-community-center-renovation/>

City Manager search update- the Council Subcommittee has chosen the recruiter, GovHR USA, and they have been gathering the information needed for the job posting. They will be sending a survey to staff and Council for more details that they can include in their recruitment strategy. The current goal is to post the position by early October. They will then do early vetting and background checks before arranging for the meetings with Council and the City. The timeline for this project includes a goal to make an offer by early December.

Finally, Acting Deputy City Manager Andrew Bolduc thanks the City Staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the community during this time of transition. Each department has large projects occurring alongside their regular daily activities, and the dedication to the community and to the professionalism of their departments has made it possible to step into this role while David Eubanks is on paternity leave.