

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: January 8, 2015

1. Population and Housing Estimates; New Residential Construction

The Department of Planning and Economic Development's January 1, 2015 population and housing estimates are 56,143 people and 21,267 housing units. Since the 2010 Census, the number of housing units (based on building permits and annexations) increased by 580 units. The number of people added to the population estimate each year is calculated using the annually updated housing figure times the 2.64 persons-per-household ratio from the 2010 Census. In 2014, building permits were issued for a total of five new single-family homes in the City, primarily in Saddlebrook Estates. In addition, the City annexed 98 homes in the Adnell Woods-Huntington City annexation. (For comparison purposes, the latest American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, which came out in October, show an estimated population of 56,160 people and 20,581 housing units as of the end of 2013. The current ACS also estimates 2.72 persons-per-household.) Also enclosed in your package is a copy of the New Housing Construction handout, updated through 2014.

2. Promoting Fire Safety and the Fire Chief's Adopt a Neighborhood Program

As a follow-up to Chief Marc Bashoor's presentation at the January 5 Council Meeting, staff will be working with the Chief's office to encourage local businesses to sign on to be sponsors of his Adopt a Neighborhood Program to get smoke detectors in the homes of every County resident. We will also be using our various means of communication to stress the importance of working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detector in saving lives, including a mailing to local homeowners associations.

3. Melford Village Reconsideration Request

Today the Prince George's County Planning Board reviewed a Request for Reconsideration regarding the Planning Board's November 13, 2014 approval of the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for Melford Village. The Request for Reconsideration was filed by Ms. Martha Ainsworth, Mr. Fred Tutman and Ms. Lauren Ragsac of Tall Oaks Crossing. At Thursday's Planning Board meeting, Ms. Martha Ainsworth alleged that the reconsideration was appropriate, based on "mistake" and "inadvertence", stating that the Planning Board did not follow its own rules of procedure. Ms. Ainsworth's argument

is basically that the opposition was not provided an opportunity to comment on the revised conditions submitted by the developer's attorney, Mr. Robert Antonetti, at the November hearing. The revised conditions proposed by Mr. Antonetti were distributed to all interested parties during the hearing on the CSP. The Planning Board's legal counsel and M-NCPPC Chief of Development Review both indicated that the Planning Board followed the applicable rules in conducting the hearing on the CSP.

Commissioner Geraldo moved for DENIAL of the request for reconsideration.

Commissioner Washington seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0-1 (Shoaf abstained). Chair Betty Hewlett did not participate in the Melford case because the St. John Properties was a client when she worked for the law firm currently representing the developer.

Attachment

New Housing Construction - 2014

Housing Type	Single-family	Townhouses	Multi-family	Subtotal	Total
As of 1990	10,488	2,286	529	13,303	13,303
1991	159	75	0	234	13,537
1992	369	131	0	500	14,037
1993	432	299	0	731	14,768
1994	225	126	110	461	15,229
1995	293	122	0	415	15,644
1996	238	77	124	439	16,083
1997	123	86	566	775	16,858
1998	157	72	398	627	17,485
1999	153	128	215	496	17,981
2000	169	102	38	309	18,290
2001	143	12	0	155	18,445
2002	24	0	0	24	18,469
2003	18	0	71	89	18,558
2004	44	0	0	44	18,602
2005	65	0	0	65	18,667
2006	40	0	0	40	18,707
2007	53	0	0	53	18,760
2008	24	0	0	24	18,784
2009	23	0	0	23	18,807
2010	11	0	0	11	18,818
2011	21	0	0	21	18,839
2012	24	0	286	310	19,149
2013	17	0	0	0	19,166
2014	5	0	0	5	19,171

Housing Type	Existing Units as of 12/31/90	Percent of Total	Permitted Units as of 12/31/14	Percent of Total	Percent Change 1990-2014
Single-family	10,488	85%	13,318	70%	27%
Townhouse	2,286	14%	3,516	18%	54%
Multifamily	529	1%	2,337	12%	342%
Total	13,303	100%	19,171	100%	44%

All Figures estimated by the City of Bowie Planning Department

Source: City of Bowie Department of Community Services

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2014 Building Permit Review

