

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: April 30, 2015

1. Veterans Memorial Park

On April 18, a vehicle lost control and damaged the cannon and flag pole at Veterans Memorial Park. The cannon was removed this past Wednesday for repairs with the intention of moving it back to the park. A brick mason will begin work tomorrow removing the remaining brick and block base and then begin rebuilding the pole base next week. At this time, staff anticipates the cannon being placed back into position prior to Memorial Day. The driver's insurance company has been notified and a claim filed for reimbursement of all costs.

2. Engineering, Environmental & Surveying Services for Hiker/Biker Trail at Jericho Park

The Public Works Department located a contract for engineering, environmental, and surveying services with Prince George's County (Contract# S10-029) through EBA Engineering, Inc., upon which we will be able to piggyback. This will be funded through the Jericho Park CIP (\$37,996.63) and the Bowie Heritage Trail CIP (\$61,994.49). We will sign a contract and issue a purchase order to EBA Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$99,991.12. As provided in Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to purchase.

3. Melford

A Petition for Judicial Review has been filed in Prince George's County Circuit Court. It was filed by a group of residents including Ms. Ainsworth and Mr. Tutman. No schedule is available yet for the hearing process, but it is likely to take approximately eight months before a decision is rendered.

4. Spring Carnival

A permit has been issued for the Spring carnival for the Simon Property at the Bowie Town Center. Reithoffer Shows, Inc. will be there from May 7-17, 2015. Weekdays 5-10 p.m., Fridays 5-11 p.m., Saturdays 1-11 p.m., Sundays 1-10 p.m. Security has been arranged with the Bowie Police Department.

5. Planning Board Results

On Thursday, April 30th, the Prince George's County Planning Board conducted a public hearing on Preliminary Subdivision Plan #4-14015, a proposal to create two lots in the Bowie Gateway Center. The property, zoned C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous),

contains 3.17 acres and has frontage on Mitchellville Road, Heritage Boulevard and North Hanson Court. One of the new lots will contain an existing 12,600 sq. ft. building, presently housing an office use (Enterprise Car Rental); the second lot will be home to a new one-story/2,228 sq. ft./66-seat Taco Bell restaurant. (The City Council conducted a public hearing on this case on April 6th, and voted to recommend approval with no conditions.) At the Planning Board hearing, the applicant stated his concurrence with the staff recommendation of approval, with conditions. (Three of the County's conditions were slightly revised during the hearing. The City expressed its support for the proposed subdivision and modified conditions.) At the conclusion of the public hearing, Commissioner Washington moved for approval of the application. Her motion, seconded by Commissioner Shoaff, passed unanimously.