

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 2, 2017

Status Report

1. Melford Preliminary Plan Continuance

At today's County Planning Board meeting, St. John Properties requested a continuance of the public hearing on the Preliminary Plan of subdivision for Melford (#4-16006) to next Thursday, March 9th. The request was made for several reasons, including late publication of the referral memo from the Community Planning Division, needed corrections to the Transportation Division's referral comments, and the fact that the M-NCPPC computers were down for several days and the staff report only became available on Tuesday. City Staff indicated to MNCPPC staff that the City would support the continuance. A motion was made by Commissioner Geraldo, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to continue the case to March 9th.

2. Pilot Program for Food Scrap Collections

The Prince George's County composting facility has begun to accept food scraps. This opens an opportunity for the City of Bowie to implement a pilot program for residential, curb side food scrap collections. Other communities in the area (including Howard County, University Park, and Takoma Park) already have food scrap collection pilot programs underway with goals to reduce landfill disposal cost and improve environmental stewardship.

The Planning and Public Works Departments have planned a small pilot program for Bowie. The program would offer up to 150 residents in the Yorktown, Overbrook and Victoria Heights communities the opportunity to participate in the pilot. Participants will receive a small food scrap collection bin for their kitchen, a curbside bin (6 gallon), and a set of compostable bags to collect the food scraps in. The curbside bin has a clamped down lid to ensure the food scraps are sealed from birds and other animals. An image of the bins is shown below. Collections will be one day per week. Cost to the City to implement this pilot program is approximately \$4300 which includes the bins, the bags, and postal fees to mail informational literature. FY17 funding from the Solid Waste

Division materials, supplies, and minor equipment fund are available to cover the cost of the bins.

The anticipated start date for the pilot program is April 19, 2017. The pilot is intended to run for 6 months, during which staff will collect information from residents and collectors on any program issues.



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