

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report* DATE: May 25, 2017

Status Report

1. Allen Pond Park Amphitheater and Restrooms, CIP Project

Allen Pond Park Amphitheater and Restrooms, CIP Project: Staff will host a stakeholder information meeting open to the public on 6/7/17 at Kenhill Center at 8 pm. The City's design consultants, from A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., will be present to help explain the project and respond to citizen questions and input. A copy of letter being mailed to notify residents in the vicinity of the park is attached.

2. Stakeholders Meeting for Kenhill Center Stormwater Retrofits

On Wednesday, June 7, staff will hold a stakeholders meeting at the Kenhill Center to discuss proposed stormwater retrofits on that site as part of the City's stormwater permit requirements. The consultant has completed the 30% design, and this meeting will be to present the plans for the site to the adjacent residents and businesses. The retrofit will include four low impact development practices – three bioretention cells and one rain garden with an educational sign. This is the second site of about a dozen where stormwater treatment is being improved or provided for the first time. Construction for this project is budgeted at \$430,000 for FY 2018 in the approved CIP Budget. The notice provided in your package is being mailed to 216 homes and businesses within 500 feet of the Kenhill Center parcel. Staff will also post three signs on the property – one at each entrance and one adjacent to the sidewalk in the center of the parcel – announcing the meeting. Questions can be sent to Tiffany Wright at twright@cityofbowie.org or at 301-809-3043.

3. Walk Wednesdays

The Green Team Executive Committee will continue to host walks on Wednesday evenings around Bowie this spring and summer. They started hosting walks in June 2015 to create a fun and social way for residents to get together for light to moderate exercise, while highlighting nature and many beautiful local walking trails. The first walk of the 2017 season will be at

Allen Pond Park on May 31st at 7pm. All are welcome, and the group will meet at the edge of the parking lot at the start of the walking path, and it will be approximately a 30 – 40 minute walk. The full May and June Walk Wednesday schedule is posted to the City's webpage here: <http://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/5564>.

4. Bike to Work Day

This year's region-wide annual Bike to Work Day event was held last Friday, May 19th. Two of the 85 pit stops in the area were in Bowie: at the Bowie Town Center; and, at the Huntington Fire Station in Old Town Bowie. At the Town Center pit stop, 41 people registered, with 24 folks attending (59%). There were 27 pre-registrants for the Old Town pit stop, with 13 in attendance (48%). Special thanks again this year to staff of the Washington Prime Group, owners and managers of the Town Center, and to the firefighters at the Huntington Fire Station for their participation, cooperation and support at the respective pit stops. Region-wide, this year's goal of attracting 18,600 registrants was exceeded, with 18,763 participants, according to COG's Commuter Connections Bike to Work Day Steering Committee.

5. Annual Certified Habitat Tour

On Saturday, May 20th, 46 residents visited one or more of the six Certified Backyard Habitats and the planting of a monarch waystation at the Senior Center. The City became a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in November 2016 after getting 12 schools, eight community sites (one house of worship, one community garden, two businesses, four City facilities), and 219 homes certified by NWF. This tour counts towards the variety of outreach and educational activities as well as newly certified habitats required for the annual recertification. Staff will submit the recertification application in July.

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May 25, 2017

NOTICE OF CITY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Project: Allen Pond Park Amphitheater and Restrooms

Dear Resident or Stakeholder:

The City's Capital Improvement Program includes a project to construct a new amphitheater and stage at Allen Pond Park.

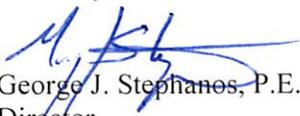
This project implements some of the recommendations of the Allen Pond Master Plan. That plan can be viewed at the City's web site using the link <http://www.cityofbowie.org/820/Allen-Pond-Master-Plan>. The existing stage will be demolished as a part of this project. A new restroom building will be provided at the new amphitheater site. In addition, the existing 'brick house' restroom at the playground will be replaced by a new restroom building. As a second phase of the project, the parking area near the Northview Drive park entrance will be expanded. The project also includes environmental improvements associated with stormwater management.

This meeting will be attended by both City staff and the City's consulting architect/engineering firm who will present information on the conceptual design.

The public is invited to this informational Stakeholders Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Please plan to attend and participate in the Stakeholders Meeting. Upon request, sign language and/or other accommodations will be provided for those individuals with disabilities. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact the Public Works office at 301-809-2344.

Sincerely,


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Director
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May 24, 2017

NOTICE OF CITY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Kenhill Center Stormwater Retrofits

Proposal: Construction of Four Low Impact Development Stormwater Practices

Location: 2614 Kenhill Drive

Dear Resident or Stakeholder:

The City's Public Works Department will be constructing four low impact development (LID) practices at the Kenhill Center to improve the water quality of the City's streams and to meet state stormwater requirements in the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Stormwater is defined as rain water or snowmelt and collects pollutants from driveways and streets including trash, lawn fertilizer and pet waste before flowing into storm drain inlets. Because the Levitt areas were built before any requirements to treat stormwater, rainfall from these areas drains into streams without removal of pollutants, such as excess nutrients and sediment.

The proposed project will include three bioretention facilities adjacent to the athletic field and installation of a rain garden and educational signage adjacent to the southern entrance from Kenhill Drive. The work will require removal of sections of the existing concrete channels along the athletic field and the potential removal of a couple of trees near Kenhill Drive.

At the meeting, City staff and the City's consultant, RK&K, will provide information on the construction process and timeline. There will also be photos of similar projects RK&K has completed to demonstrate how the areas will look in the future.

The public is invited to an informational Stakeholders Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive.

Please plan to attend and participate in the meeting. If requested by Wednesday, May 31, 2017, sign language and/or other accommodations will be provided. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at 301-809-3043.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Wright
Watershed Manager