

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: May 2, 2013

1. Planning Board Results – April 25th

Last Thursday, the Prince George's County Planning Board conducted a public hearing on the Detailed Site Plan (DSP-12060) and Departure from Parking and Loading Spaces (DPSL-377) for the proposed 13,225 sq. ft. CVS Pharmacy to be located at the intersection of U.S. Route 301 (southbound) and Mitchellville Road. The subject site contains 2.68 acres and is zoned C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous). The City Council conducted a public hearing on this development on July 9, 2012, when project was proposed as a Special Exception (SE-4726), and recommended approval with conditions.

Since then, the County Council passed CB-64-2012, which became effective on November 7, 2012, reclassifying the use from a Special Exception use to a use permitted by right in the C-M zone. The project was resubmitted as a DSP application, which the Council acted on as part of its March 4th Consent Agenda.

During the public hearing, the County Planning Board approved DSP-12060, which included many of the City's conditions. The motion for approval, made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Shoaff, passed unanimously. Commissioner Geraldo was absent.

2. Swearing-in of Police Officers

The following officers will be sworn in during Monday's Council Meeting:

Private First Class Kwok S. Kam of Baltimore was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for four years.

Private First Class Melvin F. Proctor III of Bowie was previously a member of the Prince George's County Police Department from which he retired after 20 years of service.

3. Job Fair

The City hosted a Job Fair at the Gymnasium on Friday, April 26. More than 750 job seekers and 42 employers participated in the fair, as compared to 800 job seekers and 30 employers last year. Employers were very happy with the turnout and the quality of the applicants. Based on feedback forms they completed at the end of the day, many

expect to hire candidates they met at the fair. Some of the busiest employers over the course of the four-hour fair were Maryland Live Casino, XM/Sirius Radio, Prince George's County Government, Town Park, and Hitman Security and Investigations.

Overall job seekers were also very positive about their experience. Because of the crowds and specific employer policies, several employers did not take resumes at the fair, but instead referred applicants to their websites for further information and employment applications. We will follow up with employers in a few weeks to determine how many individuals were hired as a result of the fair. Job seekers completed a short registration form before entering the fair. Staff will analyze those responses and the hiring information to determine the success of this fair and also what percentage of the job seekers were local and what types of jobs they were looking for.

4. Rain Barrel Workshop

On Saturday, April 27th, the Planning Department held its 5th Annual Rain Barrel Workshop with the Bowie Lions Club with three residents in attendance. While the number of participants was much smaller than in the past, residents are continuing to purchase rain barrels from the Lions Club and area retailers and registering them with the Planning Department. The Lions will continue having their booth at the Farmers' Market each summer weekend where they have been quite successful in this environmental fundraiser.