

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 25, 2013

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1. County Legislation (CB-58-2013)

On Wednesday, July 17th, the Prince George's County Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee voted to give CB-58-2013 a **FAVORABLE** recommendation. The legislation proposed by Council Members Turner and Davis sets forth new requirements in the C-O (Commercial Office) zone for a private school approved as a day care center prior to October 1, 2013. The bill, which was supported by the City at the Committee hearing, was filed to assist The Goddard School, located at 14200 Old Annapolis Road, in changing its status from a day care center to a private school. The County Council introduced CB-58-2013 for public hearing this week, and the bill will be heard by the Council on September 10th.

2. Weed Warrior Work Day

On Saturday, July 20th, nine residents spent the morning removing English ivy from more than a dozen trees at Whitemarsh Park in the inaugural event of the Green Team's Weed Warrior program. The program includes monthly work days at Whitemarsh Park. Additional events are scheduled for August 10 at 8:30 a.m. and September 15 at 2 p.m.

3. Referral of Walmart Special Exception Application

Recently the City received the County's referral for a Special Exception application (SE-4734) for a new 186,000 sq. ft. Walmart store, proposed to be located in the northeastern quadrant of the U.S. Route 301 (northbound)/Mill Branch Road intersection, also known as "Mill Branch Crossing", or the Chesley Property. The entire site contains 74 acres; the Walmart store is proposed to be located on 18.87 acres of the total tract. The 74-acre property was rezoned from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) in the 2006 Sectional Map Amendment (SMA). In 2009, a preliminary subdivision plan for the property was approved. The site was annexed into the City in 2012. The current application is a Special Exception because it proposes a department/variety store over 125,000 sq. ft.,

with a food and beverage component above 10% of the gross floor area. The City will be scheduling Stakeholders, BAPB and City Council meetings to be held after Labor Day. Staff will advise the Council of those meeting dates, as well as dates for County meetings, in the near future.

4. Kenhill Drive Widening

This project will wrap up any day now. The State has agreed to reimburse the City for half the cost of this \$32,000 project. SHA is preparing a MOU.

5. Polling District Change Notification

This week letters went out to the neighborhoods in Districts 1, 2 and 4 that are affected by the rebalancing of the City's polling districts. The information will also be noted on the City's website and in the September/October issue of the City newsletter.

6. Animal Shelter

Please see the letter to the Prince George's Animal Management Division enclosed in your package. This communication is part of ongoing due diligence as preparation for the animal shelter venture.

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