

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: August 29, 2013

1. Green Bowie Updates

Rain Garden Workshop - On Thursday, August 8th, more than 30 people attended a rain garden workshop at All Saints Lutheran Church held by the Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife group with support from the Environmental Advisory Committee. After a brief presentation by University of Maryland staff, participants visited the Church's rain garden. This was the second rain garden workshop held in Bowie.

Weed Warrior Work Days - On Saturday, August 10th, seven residents worked for more than two hours removing ivy from trees at Whitemarsh Park as part of the Green Team's second Weed Warrior work day. The next work day is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 from 2-4:30 p.m. We meet at the parking lot for the Bowie Playhouse and invite each of you to join us. Advanced registration is required by emailing twright@cityofbowie.org or calling 301-809-3043.

2. Water and Sewer Plan Amendment

The City has been referred an application from Maranatha Adventist Fellowship for an amendment to the Prince George's County Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan. The subject property contains 6.39 acres, is zoned R-E (Residential Estate) and is located on the south side of MD 564 (11th Street), approximately 2,100 feet west of MD 197. The property is located between the PEPCO power lines and Huntington South Park and contains an existing dwelling currently used as a church. The request is to reclassify the property from W-5/S-5 to W-4/S-4 in order to provide public water and sewer service for a proposed 21,600 square foot church building. A Preliminary Plan of subdivision was filed about a year ago, but was put on hold until the property service categories could be obtained. Staff will be sending notices of the September 16th City Council public hearing to properties within 500 feet of the site. The County Council's public hearing is tentatively scheduled at the end of October.

3. Education Forum

The Education Committee will hold its Education Forum this fall on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center. The guest speaker is Dr. Kevin Maxwell, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County Public School System.

Dr. Maxwell is a long-time resident of Bowie and parent of PGCPSS graduates. He spent 22 years as a teacher, principal and administrator in the PGCPSS system before taking positions in Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County Schools.

4. Vehicle Acquisition

The Adopted Fiscal Year 2014 Budget has allocated \$65,000 to purchase a senior center van for use at the Bowie Senior Center. Staff has reviewed available bids for this item and found a U.S. General Services Administration GS-30F-X0052 contract for a bus that meets our requirements, available through Colonial Equipment Co. of Monrovia, MD. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to sign a contract with Colonial Equipment Co. for a total amount of \$64,071.00.