

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: October 24, 2013

1. Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, October 19th, 48 volunteers cleaned five streams across the City, removing trash and recycling during the 12th stream cleanup. The sites were Longleaf, Covington, Heather Hills, Idlewild and the stream behind the Free State Shopping Center. Volunteers collected a total of 450 pounds of trash and 550 pounds of recycling in bags plus a number of larger items, including 3 shopping carts, a kid's swimming pool, several large pieces of packing Styrofoam, a rocking horse, two lawn mowers, and a 20-foot PVC pipe. Staff is examining the possibility of expanding the April cleanup to a community-wide cleanup/beautification event, rather than just working to clean the City's streams.

2. Ashleigh Traffic Calming

Public Works Director Jim Henrikson attended a quarterly meeting of the Ashleigh HOA last Tuesday evening. He was joined by representatives of the County Fire Department and City Police Department. The residents are interested in traffic calming options, especially regarding Pin Oak Parkway between Peachtree Lane and Dahlia Drive. Jim explained the traffic calming program and went over the traffic study he performed. Based on that study, they would need 90% of the 15 homeowners on that section of Pin Oak Parkway to sign a petition in order to obtain speed humps, as well as have the written endorsement of the HOA. The HOA will be determining the extent of the neighborhood desire for speed humps. There appeared to be a strong desire to hold a Speed Awareness Day and they will be contacting our Police Department to set that up.

3. Purchase of Services for Upfitting of New Police Vehicles

The Adopted Fiscal Year 2014 Budget allocated \$949,400 to purchase replacement Police vehicles. Included in this Capital outlay allocation are funds for the procurement of services to upfit the vehicles with various types of electronic equipment (lights, sirens, radios, speakers, etc.). Staff has reviewed bids for this service and found a current Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Purchase Order (#BX008174) which will be honored by Priority Install, LLC, located in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Total cost for upfitting twenty (20) new Police vehicles is approximately \$87,400. Section 62 of the City Charter allows for cooperative bidding between COG members. This notice

will service as the seven-day notice to City Council of the intention to make such a purchase.

4. Animal Holding Room

Staff met with CLAW representatives earlier this week regarding the proposal to expand the animal holding room capacity at City Hall. CLAW will discuss the item at their meeting next month, and provide a response to us prior to the November 25th City Council Meeting.

5. County Executive's Legislative "Listening Session"

Staff will prepare the Mayor's statement for the November 6 meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The three focuses of the statement are:

- Land Use Authority
- Transportation Funding
- Beer/Wine Licenses for Grocery Stores

The draft statement will be circulated for Council review next week.