

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 20, 2014

1. Stakeholders Meeting for Hilltop Plaza Rezoning

On Wednesday, March 19th Planning staff held a Stakeholders Meeting regarding the proposal to rezone the Hilltop Plaza Shopping Center property to the Mixed Use Transportation-Oriented (M-X-T) zone. Approximately 25 residents attended the meeting, which was also attended by Councilmembers Brady, Turner and Marcos. The sentiment of the stakeholders was extremely negative throughout the meeting. Issues raised by the stakeholders included traffic impacts, not enough parking at the center, concern about the increase in dwelling units from the former proposal (49 units were increased to 75 units), the uncertainty of the units being owned vs. rented, why the project could not be developed for senior only housing, and a general lack of trust of the developer. Staff will provide a more detailed report covering all of the questions and answers in next week's package.

2. New Traffic Signal

The installation of the signal at MD 197 and Evergreen Parkway is underway. A completion date is not known yet, and may depend on BGE providing energy to the site.

3. City Hosts PTAP Workshop on April 9th

The Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) is offering a special workshop titled "Good to Great: Capture Strategy for Bowie Businesses" at City Hall on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Registration and event details are online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-to-great-capture-strategy-for-bowie-businesses-tickets-10897804627> .