

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

DATE: February 7, 2019

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Trails Master Plan Workshop

Last Saturday, the Planning Department conducted a public workshop to gain input from residents about the City's Trails Master Plan. A total of 31 residents participated in the event held at the Kenhill Center. Using input received at the workshop and the results of a recent survey (which had over 300 respondents), the City's consultant, Mr. Jim Klein, will begin drafting the Master Plan. We received a lot of great information and ideas. Mr. Klein will be compiling that information into a summary report over the next week or so and developing an initial framework for the master plan that will include a draft vision, draft goals, and preliminary list of trail master plan concepts. One additional workshop is planned, followed by a Stakeholders Meeting and City Council public hearing. The consultant will attend the March 4th City Council meeting to engage Council on how the recommendations of the plan should be prioritized.

2. Complete Streets Policy

At their meeting of February 6th, the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) voted unanimously to recommend a Complete Streets Policy for City Council consideration. The State of Maryland and Prince George's County already have similar policies, and local governments have been encouraged to adopt Complete Streets provisions in their codes and ordinances. The policy recommended by the EAC was drafted with the assistance of the Green Team's Multi-modal and Public Spaces subgroup. Staff will review the proposed policy document and prepare a recommendation for City Council agenda action in the coming months.

3. PHED Committee Results (CB-1-2019)

This morning, the Prince George's County Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee voted unanimously in favor of CB-1-2019, legislation proposed by Council Chair Todd Turner to allow a municipal corporation to enact local

ordinances authorizing the erection of fences that exceed the height limitations of the County Zoning Ordinance. The bill implements the enabling authority approved in the 2018 General Assembly session, which was a City priority. Council Member Hawkins moved a FAVORABLE recommendation for CB-1. Council Member Ivey seconded the motion. A public hearing will be scheduled in March. If CB-1 is approved, the City Council may then submit an ordinance allowing proposed residential fences, in certain instances, to be higher than four feet without a need for a zoning variance, for approval by the County.

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