

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: January 17, 2013

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1. Six Flags Zoning Hearing Continued

On Wednesday, the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) opened the evidentiary hearing for Six Flags America's request to amend prior conditions of Special Exception approval and immediately continued the case to February 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The reason for the continuance is that the County Zoning Ordinance requires publication of the Park and Planning Technical Staff Report at least 14 days prior to the ZHE hearing and, as of Wednesday, the staff report had not been released. Over a dozen residents and neighbors of the property (including Ms. Pam Cooper of the Western Shore Conservancy, manager of the Belt Woods property), as well as the County Chamber of Commerce President, were present for the hearing. Although no testimony was taken on the case, Attorney Ed Gibbs announced that the applicant will be officially amending their proposal to eliminate overnight events, such as after-prom and graduation events. Mr. Gibbs stated that the applicant will propose to revise Condition #27 to allow the park hours to be varied for these types of events, on no more than six (6) nights between May 1 and June 15, only to the hours of 6:00 p.m. to midnight. This revision would respond to the concern identified by City Council at the January 7th meeting on the Six Flags amendments.

2. Bowie Business Innovation Center (BBIC) Update

Enclosed in your package is an update report from our incubator.