

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: John L. Fitzwater
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: October 27, 2016

1. Chick-fil-A Marketplace Grand Opening

The grand opening of Chick-fil-A at Marketplace is scheduled for November 3, 2016. There is a planned event called the First 100 which starts the day before the publicized grand opening, on Wednesday, November 2 at 6 a.m. and concludes Thursday, November 3 at 7 a.m. Participants need to show proof of age (must be over 18) with a Government-issued ID and proof of residency (must live in one of the zip codes published for this event). Once approved, participants sign a waiver of liability and are allowed to “camp” out in the Chick-fil-A lot overnight until a prize – 52 #1 meals good for a whole year -- is awarded to 100 people.

Participants will be in the Chick-fil-A lot which will be roped off. They will not have access to their vehicles throughout the event except for the front end where they will get their belongings and pick a spot in the lot. This is a family-friendly event but children under five are not eligible. No alcohol is allowed and anyone who has alcohol in their possession will be subject to dismissal from the event. Chick-fil-A will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack, and the guests will have access to restrooms any time needed. There will be games and prizes. Chick-fil-A also hires police officers to secure the lot and keep an eye on things for the two nights.

This event has been done nationally for every opening Chick-fil-A has had over the last 11+ years. Chick-fil-A reached out to the City’s Code Compliance office to provide details and background. The City Police Department has also been notified of this event.

2. Benches at Veterans Memorial Park

The City’s Parks and Grounds Division has completed the design and installation of a stone “patio” at Veterans Memorial Park to accommodate two new benches. The design used will accommodate wheelchair placement adjacent to companion seating on the benches. The benches will be attached in a manner to prevent theft and the area will be ready for use during the Veterans Day event on November 11th.

3. Water at the Dog Park

The Parks and Grounds Division has also constructed and installed a water station for dogs at the City's Dog Park on Northview Drive. The Park Ranger division in cooperation with our Animal Control Officers will keep the cooler filled and clean. During the upcoming months, use of the station will be monitored to determine use levels. Signage will be installed shortly to educate users regarding proper protocol if problems arise.

4. Planning Board Results: Karington Reconsideration

Today the Prince George's County Planning Board reviewed a request for reconsideration of the Karington Preliminary Plan of subdivision (4-04035), which was approved by the Planning Board on October 21, 2004. The purpose of the reconsideration was to enable the developer to submit a revision to the approved Preliminary Plan to substitute 200 townhouse units in place of the same number of multi-family condominium units and create a more detailed phasing plan for road improvements. The developer's attorney, Mr. Matthew Tedesco, argued that the reconsideration is based on good cause, citing such factors as the large, complex nature of the project, current financing conditions which restrict the number of people who can obtain FHA mortgages of condo units, marketability concerns, and the need to phase the project sufficiently so that road improvements will match the pace of development. Commissioner Washington moved for approval of the reconsideration. Commissioner Geraldo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. A Planning Board hearing on the revisions to the Preliminary Plan will be scheduled before the end of the year.

Attachment



