



Fall 2011 Semi-Annual Report to Council



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description

Every six months, the Planning Board provides an update on past, present and future activities to the County Council in a semi-annual report.

The Planning Department and the Department of Parks collaborate on a print report, and members of the Board and each director presents before the Council. Attached is an outline for the Fall 2011 Semi-Annual report. The presentation is scheduled for October 4. The publication is due to Council staff on September 27.

Fall 2011 Semi-annual outline – Planning Department

Applications: Set the stage by describing current conditions and trends with development applications, with explanatory tables

- current trends - #s of plan applications
- processing times
- tracking applications
- Project Dox update

Master Plans

- current work program | schedule
- monitoring/staging of development

Other Projects

- Results of Census analysis
- Housing, transportation plans in the works / completed

What's Next

- BRT study
- connecting pending major transit infrastructure investment to future land use planning

Zoning Rewrite

- project schedule
- overview of options for implementation
- Makeover Montgomery conference

Process Review

- Inter-agency group reviewing application processing and permitting
- Considering incremental adjustments not requiring legislation
 - mandatory referral process
 - application handling
- Should we consider transformational change?



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Fall 2011 Semi-Annual Outline

I. “What we’ve done”

- Enterprise FY11 performance and highlights (include Olney Skate Park, Woodlawn Pad)
- Energy Management program and results
- Montgomery Parks Foundation accomplishments to-date (include Board update, Friends of Montgomery Parks program, eTapestry, integration of donor management systems)
- Grants and Volunteerism FY11 reports (include Poole’s Store, report other grants awarded)
- Vision2030 update with focus on cost recovery
- Fleet efficiencies
- Interagency cooperation (include CUPF field permit transfer status report, Adopt-A-Field program coordination with MCPS and CUPF, MCPS site selection, Vision2030 and Joint Program Alliance with MCRD, any others?)
- CIP implementation rate
- Community gardens update
- Technology improvements (include migration to Cloud)
- Nature Center restructuring and specializations (include outreach and off-site programs to bring nature education to everyone)
- Park Police highlights (TBD, use to emphasize importance of having dedicated parks force)
- Improved public access to information (include website highlights like PDD Park projects search, overall parks directory search)
- Awards won (need to gather complete list of these –Include language from Parks proclamation by Council on July 26?)

II. **“Where we’re going”**

- Maximizing external support (include continued coordination with Foundation, corporate sponsorships, Friends Group framework, volunteerism opportunities, naming rights, directed approach to public-private partnerships, private source grants with an emphasis on programming, capital campaigns, refined Adopt-A-Field program, etc.)
- Improving customer service and access to information (include call center changes, Smart Parks upgrade and public interaction functionality, online opportunities (like blogs) to capture public feedback and input on projects/plans, SmartPhone apps, etc.)
- Pursuing greater efficiencies (include increased use of in-house Facilities Management expertise for projects, shared admin services department-wide, renegotiation of copier contracts.
- Continuing interagency cooperation (include working with County to implement LEP training, continued discussion with CUPF about transfer of remaining Permit Office functions, possibility of creating online Countywide program “service directory” that allows the public to search all programming offered by public agencies (parks, recreation, libraries, municipalities, etc.), working with BOE on site selection process)

III. **“Status of CIP and Master Plan Projects”** (charts to be included)

IV. **“Parkland Acquisition and Dispositions”** (list of acreage acquired or disposed)