



The City of

TAKOMA PARK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, January 8, 2015

CONTACT: Craig Terrill, Media Specialist

Phone: 301-891-7236 • Email: craigt@takomaparkmd.gov

City Manager Brian Kenner to Resign

January 8, 2015 – Mayor Bruce Williams announces that Takoma Park City Manager Brian Kenner has been named Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development by Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and will resign his post as City Manager of Takoma Park. He leaves for his new position after 19 months of service as Takoma Park's top executive. Previous to serving as the City Manager, Kenner was the Chief Operating Officer for the Deputy Mayor's Office of Planning and Economic Development for the District of Columbia.

Kenner started his position in June, 2013. He was chosen for the position after a nationwide search and was hired for his unique mix of skills and experience with public-private partnerships. Takoma Park has been notably active during his tenure. While Kenner was City Manager, Takoma Park became the first community in the United States to allow 16 year olds to vote in local elections, restricted the use of lawn pesticides and banned the use of polystyrene food containers. Kenner's tenure also saw the hiring of a Sustainability Manager and the solicitation of proposals to redevelop a City-owned parcel in the Takoma Junction area, two long term goals of the City Takoma Park.

When asked about the transition, Brian remarked: "Takoma Park is a special place with a unique and outstanding culture of community involvement and government leadership. I am happy to have been a part of the City and know it remains in strong hands."

Looking back on Kenner's tenure, Mayor Bruce Williams noted he is thankful for his contributions which have built community optimism for the future of the City of Takoma Park which celebrates its 125th anniversary in April. "Brian has done a great job in Takoma Park. He engaged with the community right away, and he improved many aspects of our operations. We'll miss him, but we're in a strong position to tackle the issues we face in the coming months and years."

Brian's last day is scheduled to be January 31, 2015.

###

The City of Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue • Takoma Park, MD 20912
Phone: 301-891-7100 • Fax: 301-270-8794
www.takomaparkmd.gov