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**DATE:** June 5, 2017

**MEMO TO:** Carol Calabresa, Chair  
Planning Committee

**FROM:** Alex Ty Kovach  
Executive Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide policy direction regarding a request from Matthew Meade for a Long Term License to cross a 100-foot strip of District land to access farm fields.

**FINANCIAL DATA:** At this time there is no financial impact.

**BACKGROUND:** Matthew Meade is the tenant of, and farms, two privately-owned parcels identified as the Sidhu Field and the Dearlove Field. The District owns a 100-foot wide property corridor extending approximately 1,700 feet east from Gilmer Road, before turning and extending north approximately 1,400 feet (known as Parcel LA 2F), which is located between these farmed parcels. When the District acquired Parcel LA 2F, the sellers did not reserve or grant an easement across the property to access the Dearlove Field. The only means of access to the Dearlove Field is either across Parcel LA 2F or across other privately-owned property located west of the Dearlove Field. However, Mr. Meade has stated that the other private property includes wetlands and is impassable by farm machinery. As such, Mr. Meade has stated that crossing Parcel LA 2F is the only viable access to the Dearlove Field and has requested a license to do so.

If the District is willing to grant such a license, staff recommends that the District do so pursuant to a license agreement that (i) will permit Mr. Meade to cross District land within a 30-foot corridor at the southernmost extent of the north-south leg of Parcel LA 2F, (ii) will require Mr. Meade to repair and restore any damage to District property, (iii) have a one-year term that is renewable for additional one-year terms unless terminated by one of the parties within an agreed-upon notice period, (iv) does not impose a license fee, and (v) requires Mr. Meade to acknowledge that he has no easement or other property rights in District property.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Planning and Land Preservation, Corporate Counsel