City of Bowie
Memorandum

Thursday, July 14, 2022
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Economic Development Committee (EDC)
The Bowie EDC held their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 13. A meeting date and tentative topic schedule was determined and members volunteered to lead those topics. Among those topics are Old town Bowie revitalization, Bowie healthcare update from Luminis, Bowie Town Center update, an economic development update from Anirban Basu conducted in partnership with the Great Bowie Chamber of Commerce, and an update on education capital spending from the PGCPS. The next regular EDC meeting is on September 21, 2022.

2. Dash In Stakeholders Meeting Summary
On Wednesday evening, Planning staff conducted a virtual Stakeholders Meeting regarding the proposal to redevelop the Applebee's restaurant site, located at the northwest corner of US 301 and Heritage Boulevard in the Bowie Gateway Center, with a Dash In convenience store, gas pumps and car wash (Detailed Site Plan #22016). The 1.68 acre site is currently zoned Town Activity Center-Edge (TAC-E), but the proposed use is being reviewed under the provisions of the old Zoning Ordinance for the Commercial Miscellaneous (C-M) zone. The use is permitted, by right, under both the new and old County Zoning Ordinances. A total of 16 people attended the meeting. Stakeholder questions were focused on access to the site, walkability, traffic impacts, the need for environmentally sensitive development (including use of renewable energy and 100% native plant species) and the need to provide electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. There were many comments submitted from Stakeholders who were opposed to the City losing a sit-down restaurant and gaining only another gas station. The City's upcoming public hearings are scheduled for July 26th before the Bowie Advisory Planning Board and September 6th at City Council.