City of Bowie
Memorandum

Thursday, May 11, 2023
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Tours South Bowie
The city's EDC held a special meeting Wednesday and toured the south Bowie (council district 4) area of the city to visually assess real estate and development conditions. This tour is part of the EDC examination of south Bowie as requested by the City Council. Further discussion will be a topic at the June 14 regular EDC meeting.

2. City of Bowie Elections - November 7, 2023
The filing timeline for the City's elections is open and closes on October 6, 2023. As of May 11, 2023, three candidate packets have been picked up and two of them have officially filed their candidate paperwork. Incumbent, Councilmember Michael Esteve, has filed for the District 1 Council seat and Mr. Babatunde Alegbeleye has filed for District 3 Council seat.

3. Belair Greens Utilizes Neighborhood Mini Grant Program
The Neighborhood Mini Grant program just had its second user on May 7 when the neighborhood of Belair Greens hosted a neighborhood get-together outdoors in their park area. The party was attended by upwards of one hundred neighbors over the course of the day. There was food, games, drinks, music, cornhole, and more. The neighborhood mini grant program was intended as a small dollar grant program to encourage engagement within smaller communities and to capitalize on the sense of safety and familiarity in Bowie.

4. Bowie Sectional Map Amendment Public Hearing
On Tuesday, May 9th, the Prince George's County Council and Planning Board conducted a joint public hearing regarding the proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) for the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity planning areas. The SMA is the final step in the master plan process which began in early 2020 with County Council authorization to update the master plan via CR-5-2020. At Tuesday's hearing, a total of 33 individuals signed up to speak. Many of the speakers, including the City's Planning Director, opposed more intense development proposed at Freeway Airport and the Frank's Nursery property located at the southeast corner of MD 450 and MD 193. The County Council will hold the public record open until the close of business on May 24th. A County Planning Board worksession will follow in June, with County Council worksession/decision expected as early as July.