



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, May 25, 2023
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Information Technology - Computer Equipment Purchase

The FY23 Budget contains funding in the Information Technology budget to replace staff computers. The City is seeking to purchase 20 desktop computers and 20 monitors. It was determined that the City would utilize the State of Maryland Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet 2015 Master Contract (060B5400007) to purchase the equipment. Requests for quotes were sent to the 35 authorized State of Maryland Dell vendors and 5 responses were received.

Bithgroup Technologies, Inc. - \$41,890.16

Applied Technology Services - \$42,080.00

SHI International - \$43,293.00

DataNetworks - \$43,400.00

DSR, Inc. - \$51,640.00

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Bithgroup Technologies in the amount of \$41,890.16.

2. Old Town Bowie Survey Underway

The Economic Development Office is surveying residents, businesses, and other stakeholders as part of work with a consultant to develop a revitalization plan. This is the text of an email sent to kick-off the survey:

As a resident who cares about Bowie, you are receiving this email with a link to a survey to gather your thoughts and ideas about Old Town Bowie.

The survey is anonymous. **Here is the link to survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OldTownBowieMD>

The purpose of the survey is to determine the best ways to support the economic strength and development of Old Town Bowie. The collective responses from the survey will help point the way. We will talk about the survey results and other topics at 7:30 PM June 29 here at Bowie City Hall – more information on that meeting will be sent out in early June.

Please complete the survey so that you have a voice in determining next steps.

Thank you for your help, AND PLEASE pass this message on to others!

3. Old Town Bowie Stakeholders Meeting June 29

The Old Town Bowie survey currently in circulation will be followed up with a strategic visioning workshop and stakeholders meeting with Old Town residents, businesses, and other stakeholders in Bowie City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29. The session will conclude by 9:00 p.m. During the session the recommendations developed from the survey responses and field observations the consultant is making during a walking tour will be presented to Old Town residents. Registration of attendees is requested but not required ([click here](#) to register).

4. Ternberry Stakeholders Meeting and Public Hearing

On May 18th, City staff conducted a Stakeholders Meeting for the revision to Specific Design Plan SDP-8945-08 for the 11 remaining undeveloped lots in the Ternberry subdivision. The proposal is a revision to approve architecture, access, house locations and landscaping for seven single-family detached homes and four townhouse units. Eight of the 11 lots front on Pennsbury Drive and three of the lots front on Pengrove Court. Seven of the 11 lots will be improved with single family detached residences. The remaining four lots will be improved with single family attached townhomes. A total of 12 stakeholders attended the meeting. Questions were asked about the size and height of the homes, the impact of construction on existing streets and the neighborhood, the timeframe for completion, the anticipated sales price for the units, and architectural compatibility. On May 23rd, the Bowie Advisory Planning Board held a public hearing and voted to support the staff recommendation of APPROVAL with conditions, further stipulating that the builder's architect should examine the separation between the two interior townhouse structures to ensure that the units are completely separated all the way to the roofline.

5. Bowie Race Track Task Force Workshop Results

Attached please find a summary and displays from the May 13th Open House Workshop conducted by the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force. The information is posted on the project page on the City website. The Task Force will present its final recommendations to City Council at a public hearing scheduled for July 10th.

6. Bowie Marketplace Detailed Site Plan Approval

On Thursday, May 25th, the Prince George's County Planning Board reviewed Detailed Site Plan DET-2022-018 for Bowie Marketplace. The site plan includes a multi-story consolidated storage facility and car wash on the vacant land behind the retail shopping center. The 4.94-acre development site, zoned Commercial-General-Office (CGO), is located on the west side of Superior Lane, approximately 700 feet south of MD 450. The plan includes a 275,100 square foot consolidated storage building complex consisting of two phases - a 132,300 square foot, three-story building (Phase 1) and a 142,800 square foot, four-story building (Phase 2). In addition, a 4,575 square foot car wash building is proposed along Superior Lane. No residents attended the public hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the County Planning Board voted unanimously to APPROVE DET-2022-018 with numerous conditions recommended by Park and Planning staff. Commissioner Washington made the motion to approve, Vice-Chair Bailey seconded. Assuming there are no appeals or further District

Council involvement, the next step is for the developer to apply for building permits.



Memorandum:

To: Joe Meinert
From: Jim Klein
Cc: For Task Force Distribution
Date: 5/22/23
Subject: Meeting Summary: Bowie Race Track Public (5/13/23)

An open house format public meeting was held May 13, 2023 from 9am to noon at the Kenhill Center to gather input from neighbors, potential park/property users, BSU students and staff, and others with an interest in the future recreational uses for the Bowie Race Track.

This was the 2nd of public meeting and was a follow up to the December 3rd, 2022 public workshop that led to the development of the concepts presented.

Attendees

Sixty-seven people signed in (sign in sheet is attached). In addition, representatives from each of the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force subcommittees, participated and were available to respond to questions and comments throughout the meeting (Attachment 1)

Displays

Eleven display boards were available for review during the meeting (Attachment 2, provided by link via the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force website (22 mb, 36 x 48 inch displays):
https://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/16030/BRT-Displays-051123_r2

1. Introduction
2. Evaluation Criteria
3. Existing Conditions
4. Outreach Summary
5. Questionnaire Results
6. Public Meeting Summary (December 2022)
7. M-NCPPC Demand Study (2022 Long Range Planning)
8. Concept Emphasizing Casual Use/Conservation
9. Concept Emphasizing Meeting Recreational Needs
10. Concept Emphasizing Expanding Recreational Opportunities
11. Summary of Options for Consideration

Public Comments

Meeting participants were provided a comment form highlighting the options for consideration, as well as an open-ended question regarding anything that might be missing. In addition, participants used post it notes to provide comments about each specific option or specific area including:

- The stable area (west of Race Track Road)
- The track area and nearby clubhouse parking area
- The former grandstand and related parking area
- The Patuxent River corridor/environs

Attachment 3 documents the sticky notes, categorizing each by concept and by geographic areas. Attachment 4 documents the written notes provided on the comment form

Additional Comments Received (included in Attachment 4).

- Email in support of cricket field
- Letter in support of equestrian uses

Common Themes

There were several common themes and issues that emerged from the public workshop:

- Keeping the character defining features of the Race Track use (ring in the stable area, the track itself, the railroad spur as potential trail connection to WB&A)
- Adaptive reuse of ring in the Stable area (for differing uses, but keep the structure)
- The Patuxent River corridor needs to be specifically defined beyond just the 100' setback. Any existing natural and permeable surfaces need to be kept permeable and focus future uses on previously paved or built upon surfaces.
- The Patuxent River trail needs to connect up along the rail spur corridor to the WB&A
- Community impact continues to be a strong issue throughout (traffic, lighting, noise, impact on Patuxent, funding, access to amenities—BSU vs. shared with the public, etc.)
- Many comments about not duplicating what is already available nearby (e. g. large rectangular fields, the Allen Pond Amphitheater, track at Bowie HS, etc.)
- Consideration for all ages and abilities (e.g. sensory playground or therapeutic riding)

Additional uses requesting consideration:

- Cricket facilities are still an interest (no awareness of the field noted as forthcoming by M-NCPPC in their demand analysis – a cricket field with concessions is planned at National Capital Business Park (in SA 6 further south).
- Equestrian uses need to be incorporated into the concepts especially given the long history of equestrian use and strong interest expressed in the write in notes for the questionnaire and at the first public meeting (more than just a museum, signage or art, but actual equestrian use such as a place to access trail rides, therapeutic riding, or providing opportunities to introduce young people to horses and riding).

Concept preferences:

- More respondents favored the former stable area (A) for the urban farm/research area (18-13)
- More respondents favored using the 50,000 SF building footprint for the BSU urban farm/research (in either location) (17.5 - 12.5)
- More respondents favored the court sports to be located near the Track area
- More respondents favored a mix of active uses and restoring the pond area

Attachments:

- 1) Sign in sheets
- 2) Display boards (link to large file:
https://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/16030/BRT-Displays-051123_r2)
- 3) Sticky notes documentation
- 4) Comment Form documentation

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Anita Mabusky	8306 Lloyd Station	Bowie	MD	20715
Jenny Sumner-Walker	16307 PENNSBURY WAY	Bowie	MD	20716
Donald Mack	1808 Fox Creek Ct.	David - Sunnyville	MD	21035
John + Verna Teasdale	12757 Midwood La	Bowie	MD	20715
Michael Estun	8311 Quill Point Dr.	Bowie	MD	20720
SALLY HEIN				
TIASI SHAMAM	5012 PATUXENT RIDING LN	Bowie	MD	20715
Elmer Dengler	12417 SANDAL LANE	Bowie		20715
ARNETT SANDERS	15121 RED RIDGE PLACE	BOWIE	MD	20715
Hyon Shon	14409 Jericho Park Rd	Bowie	MD	20715
Tim Beard	8606 Race Track Rd	Bowie	MD	20715

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Michael Shannon	14805 Kimberwick Dr	Bowie	MD	20715
Michael Scott	8105 River Gate Ln	Bowie		20715
Daniel Rubin	12718 Clearfield Dr	Bowie		20715
Emelle Rubin	"			
Marianne Baird				
Kathy O'Connor	12428 Stafford Ln	Bowie		20715
Karen Stewart	15009 Ridge Chase Ct	Bowie	MD	20715
ANGELA MEGGS	9012 RACE TRACK RD	BOWIE	MD	20715
Carolyn Quintan	12508 Caswell Ln	"	"	"
Sandy Spencer	12304 Beech Forest Rd #1 Laurel		MD	20708
Valerie Ormond	17610 Central Ave.	Bowie	MD	20716

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Danise Hill	Whisper Wind Ct	Bowie		20715
LEE TUVESON	5008 PATRICK RIDING LN	Bowie		20715
Oscar Mitchell	8106 Red Fern Ln	Bowie		20715
CARL ABILDSON	14902 ARABIAN LN	Bowie		20715
Jim Schneider	8716 Race Track Rd	Bowie	md	20715
Melanie Bollinger	8900 Harness Way	Bowie	md	20715
Ernest J. Merkel	9439 Merkel Rd	Bowie	MD	20713
JACKIE LORD	15808 PLAINVIEW LN	Bowie	MD	20716
James Merkel	9425 Merkel Road	Bowie	MD	20715
Helene Merkel	9425 Merkel Road	Bowie	MD	20715
JOHN SCULLIOS	4404 BLACK WALNUT WAY	BOWIE	MD	20716

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Isabel Pocurull	4017 WHARTON TURN BOWIE MD 20715	BOWIE	MD	20715
Leslie Kaunitz	12503 Rambling Lane Bowie, MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Pamela Washington	7929 Orchard Park Wg Bowie, MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Wayne McLoughlin	15830 Erwin Ct Bowie, MD 20716	Bowie	MD	20716
Sham Chotoo	13907 Amberly Ct Bowie, MD 20720	Bowie	MD	20720
Ray Bollinger	8900 HARNISS WAY BOWIE MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Elliott Gibson Jr	3901 Elan Ct Bowie, MD 20716	Bowie	MD	20716
LORI MURROW	8207 River Run Dr Bowie 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Dominique Scott	12400 Shadow Ln BOWIE MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Kareem	8005 River Park Rd Bowie MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Lynne Thweatt	650 Stout Ford Way Apt 212 Landover, MD 20785	Landover	MD	20715

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Jim Hossich	12201 Foxhill Ln.	Bowie	MD	20715
Bronwyn des Anges	8720 Normal School Rd.	Bowie	MD	20715
GARY Leon	413 JORDON POND LANE	BOWIE	MD	20721
Leslie Cullen	68. 55 52 - Wattham Park Dr.	Keene	MD	20774
Julia Leaman	8902 Horness Way	Bowie	MD	20715
Adrian Monze	14701 Winners Ct. Bowie MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
George D. Patterson	12410 Gladys Retreat Cir Bowie MD 20720	Bowie	MD	20720
Jesseanne Norton	201 Springer Ln - Lothian	Lothian	MD	20711
Mike Shier	11	1	1	1
Howard Johnson	12203 Mackerell Ln Bowie MD 20715	Bowie	MD	20715
Karl Taschenberger	14829 Peppertree Dr Bowie 20721	Bowie	MD	20721

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Joan Glynn	8102 Red Farm Ln	Bowie	MD	20715
Susan Moller	8113 River Gate Ln	Bowie	MD	20715
JOSALYN BRIANI (2)	8102 RACE HORSE LN	BOWIE	MD	20715
HERB WHEATLEY	8710 RACE TRACK RD.	"	"	"
WALKER - out next to sign				

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Megan Wilson	8911 Harness Way	Bowie	MD	20715
Diane Henry	9001 Harness Way	Bowie	MD	20715
WILLIAM GLYNN	8102 RED FARM LN	Bowie	MD	20715
LAURA KAUNITZ	12503 Rambling Lane	Bowie	MD	20715

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COMMENT #	DISPLAY #	CONCEPT	USE AREA (A- Stable Area; B- Track Area, Clubhouse, Parking; C- Grandstand Area; D- Patuxent River; G- General note	COMMENT
1	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Goshen New York - i.e. National Harness Racing Museum
2	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Like this option best with some modifications
3	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	This area is bordering Patuxent River & wetlands; use of area should not have negative impact
4	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Prefer equestrian uses on track side, near trail access and where there could be trailer parking - A ring?
5	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Maybe locker room as well? Showers, changing areas; Cyra 10 yrs
6	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Small ring could be part of this plan
7	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Like equestrian with programs for handicap
8	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Small botanic flowers areas; History - plants; Foreign plants; Background plants
9	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Water fountain as decoration & also attracts to many
10	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Yes wider buffer
11	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	A little trail where you can walk by, ride your bike. No cars; No motorcycles; Cyra 10 yrs
12	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Has anyone investigated how feasible kayak and canoe use for the river is in this area? Seems shallow and overgrown/branches down
13	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Easy kayak/canoe access would be FANTASTIC! The Patuxent is a wonderful resource for Bowie.
14	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Consider runoff issues with path & walkway surfaces
15	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	If providing canoe/kayak water access - would be nice to have a hard surface trail for rolling carts
16	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Consider integrating farming education with PGCPs. Important for children.
17	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Connectivity to the trail & BSU
18	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	D	Emphasis on trail connection to Anne Arundel over the Patuxent River that is being considered
19	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Move parking away from water/stream area/ make natural area
20	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Clubhouse - Rent to Bowie community - Funds help for renovation, cleanup
21	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Therapeutic Riding Center - Riding for individual - Training for instructors
22	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Love this! Suggest pulling in USFWS for technical input.
23	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Sharing of BSU ROTC amenities with the community
24	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Who will use urban garden and other gardens? How will this determination be made?
25	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	C	Greenhouse; Garden; Cyra 10 yrs
26	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	A good start; more on climate and what residents can do

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27	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	More oriented to ecology of the area its value
28	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Consider multi-use trail connection to WB&A
29	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	What is passive recreation in this instance? Bird watching, photography - if so better on the riverside?
30	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A/B	What about traffic on Race Track Road - All the people dumping onto it. Yes agree.
31	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Sensory Gym & Playground
32	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Remove track - use existing track for these uses. The track duplicates existing facilities at BSU & Bowie High [another person's response to this comment] - Track would cause more traffic volume due to regional events
33	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	What will this cost the City of Bowie? When will it be completed? Can other organization pay for parts of park
34	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	[Responding to comment regarding costs] An idea to answer your question. We could have a fun raiser. You know donate what you can. Cyra 10 yrs
35	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Preserve equestrian heritage. An arena or two for equestrian events such as clinics and horse shows would be nice. PG County Equestrian Center can be too expensive for small events and it is heavily hosted
36	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Compost station should be near gardens on north side not next to residential areas
37	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Retain existing ring structure for indoor walking and history displays
38	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Maybe have compost at Bowie City Dump?
39	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Is there adequate parking for the activities?
40	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Use area part green space for individual use or pick up sports; rest for ecological space e.g. meadow
41	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Why not use the track for horses? Why not have a ring. Allow people to come in & ride?
42	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Large organized events should <u>not</u> be part of this plan
43	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Bowie has <u>too many</u> areas devoted to fields & organized activities. We need an area for interacting with nature areas
44	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Educational Environment Center for the community - all ages
45	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	1) Farming area integrated with public & private schools 2) Theraputic Riding
46	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A	Exercise area - Ride a bike - Tennis courts - Base ball field - Playground - A little tent so you can come on rainy days - Picnic area - track and field; Cyra 10 yrs
47	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Love ecological restoration area/ In field functions as a meadow now; enhancing would be wonderful
48	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	A/B	Please add a traffic light! Esp for increased traffic
49	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	Restore the pond in this area
50	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	B	No water area, Geese, geese droppings; no water park area
51	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Please consider noise, traffic and ages attraction Thanks!

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52	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	I like the concept in pictures
53	8	Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation	G	Just an idea to put ou there. We don't really need a pool. BSU has a amazing pool. (I swim there for Bayside Aquatics.) Cyra 10 yrs
54	9	Emphsis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	We need an indoor/outdoor pool facility in this area.
55	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	No Amphitheater too much traffic noise
56	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	All concepts should have the same symbology & consistent style
57	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	See Ypsilanti, MI Rolling Hills - type of facilities & trails
58	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	WB&A Connector
59	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Varied trail types - direct links and "spokes" - wooded meandering trails, - single track
60	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	D	Connect to Horsepen & enhance trails. Connect trails all the way to BSU
61	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	No amphitheater too much traffic too much noise
62	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	D	Use of watershed
63	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B/C	Don't need anymore basketball courts and soccer fields.
64	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	Amphitheater duplicates Allen Pond which needs improvement not needed here
65	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Yes to horse trails and riding. Per questionnaire - connect to WB&A
66	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	No night time light for race track events
67	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	No connection to existing natural areas.
68	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Perimeter road for connectivity & co-use; purposes - walking, cycling, rollerblading
69	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	Invest in existing amphitheater at Allen Pond instead
70	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	D	Kayak & canoe put-in is a great idea. Emphasize & highlight the river more.
71	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	Already have amphitheatre at Allen Pond. Don't need another one.
72	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Small horse trail; training for horse riding instruction
73	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Put most intensive uses closer to the existing parking entrances by the Bridge
74	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	In the rec center building if they can have some classrooms built for local non profits and community programs to use
75	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	Remove track - too much traffic. There's existing tracks at BSU & Bowie High
76	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Need much bigger classrooms & conference areas to educate public on climate & the environment
77	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A/B	Will there be sidewalk improvements/additions along Racetrack? Bridge across RT for pedestrians?
78	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Leverage existing bridge as a focal point to tie the property together.
79	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Leave horses at the track - this is historic!
80	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Yes, to all outdoor active space
81	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Expand existing courts at park north of the rail line on the west side of 197.
82	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	C	Existing all ages playground at Horsepen is under utilized. Expand that one.
83	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Make a multi-use space - could include farmers market & other community gatherings - Reading Terminal Market - Philly - Lexington Market - Baltimore - Indoor Market

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84	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	We already have a farmers market, use this for community events - w/ roof for music, multi use structure
85	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Keep impervious uses at ex. impervious
86	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Put garden on the other side
87	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	Cricket or another under-served sport
88	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	B	Duplicates existing courts - too intensive. Enhance existing courts at Bowie High & elsewhere. Will be under utilized or would require massive parking.
89	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	No connection to the history of the race track
90	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Is this needed? Farmer's Market @ BHS is central & under utilized
91	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Incorporate a museum into the farmers market area
92	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A	Therapeutic riding
93	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A/B	Curve is very dangerous
94	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	A/B	Not safe entrance
95	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Increased: Traffic, Impervious surfaces, light pollution
96	9	Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Needs	G	Will there be easy access points to existing Saddlebrook & Horsepen parks?
97	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Big Pavilion/Open Air Ballroom like Glenn Echo Park
98	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Do we need another museum? Rather see other uses
99	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Trailer parking for horses if including equestrian uses
100	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Make sure to maximize opportunities for interactions w/ Bowie State no matter which plan is chosen. Potential for community lectures, grad students presenting their urban gardening research, history of the area, phys ed profs who could lead classes (one day non-profit) Bowie is a college town and this relationship should be emphasized; it has not been to date adequately
101	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	D	Historic race track signage along trail
102	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Security at entrance. Hours of operation.
103	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	C	Consider integrating community gardening with PGCPs.
104	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Too intensive; more focus on under supported sports (cricket, roller blading, roller hockey, cycling)
105	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Traffic; Impervious surfaces; Light pollution; Cost of maint.
106	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	No connectivity to existing natural parks
107	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	C	Is it "urban farming" if it is here?
108	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	D	Keep area close to river natural & undeveloped
109	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Will the City police have a space at this park? What about Fire Dept.?
110	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	I like the kayak area and dog park
111	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	How is horse waste disposal resolved affects river
112	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A/B	There are no bus stops along this section of Race Track. If there are large facilities need to have public transportation access.
113	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Connecto to WB&A trail
114	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	50,000 SF buildings; Calculation restrooms
115	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Horse rest & area! Keep horses!

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116	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Light, Noise, Pollution, Traffic
117	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Centralize courts on this side
118	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Too much noise for homes
119	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Yes to theraputic riding! And community horse riding
120	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A/B	Centralize parking here and use bridge to connect the two sides. Put most intensive uses by existing entrances.
121	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	B	More equestrian use. Don't see a need for a 400 m track.
122	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	B	Horses need to stay @ the Race Track!
123	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	C	Why split basketball court from tennis courts
124	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Where are the maintenance buildings located?
125	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Traffic! [Yes!]
126	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	B	Track isn't needed; Perimeter road for logistics and co-use as walking, running, cycling, rollerblading
127	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	B	Cost for all of the courts - original and maintenance
128	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Too much developed hard surface areas
129	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	No connection to history of the racetrack
130	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Choose this plan! It's most diverse!
131	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	This plan is too intensive and car-centric. Race Track isn't sized to support this.
132	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A	Museum not needed
133	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	A pool
134	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A/B	The turn on Race Track is a frequent accident location
135	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A/B	This turn is too dangerous for intensive use
136	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	A/B	Entrance @ a blind curve is a horrible idea
137	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	B	Where is Pond? Pond or no Pond?
138	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Can a pavilion be added here for entertainment?
139	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Where are the entrance/exit points
140	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Need a dedicated pickle ball court/ctr
141	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Theraputic gym!
142	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Who covers the cost for this adventure? What & how will this effect my taxes?
143	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	Indoor/outdoor sensory gym
144	10	Emphasis on Expanding Recreation Use	G	How much traffic will this have?
145	11	Options	B	Keep track for running
146	11	Options	B	Picnic Area, Ride a bike, Playground, Tennis courts
147	11	Options	G	Adaptive physical education (w/BSU UMD)
148	11	Options	G	Sensory playground
149	11	Options	D	Connect to Horsepen & trails all the way to BSU. Also enables horse usage to Merkel Farms.
150	11	Options	D	Horse trails, horse parking, water spigot
151	11	Options	D	Horse trail (facilities in support of)

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152	11	Options	G	Horse examples (why not options?) Howard County Schooley Mill Park / Oak Ridge Park
153	11	Options	G	Who is paying for this?? Regardless of which plan is picked how long will it take to complete this project? # of years
154	11	Options	B	Therapeutic riding
155	11	Options	G	Climate and the environment are the most important future issues; need an educational center for the general public
156	11	Options	G	Look at parks in Howard County that offer equestrian; keep the horse history! Have horse facilities.
157	11	Options	G	We don't need an equestrian museum - we need horse facilities and parking!
158	11	Options	B	Cricket field is needed. This year 864 kids including 112 girls. 74 teams; need more fields to keep growing
159	11	Options	G	Has an indoor pool ever been discussed? Would be the only one in N. Bowie I believe
160	11	Options		
161	11	Options	G	Please include cost estimates for each rec. addition for City Council presentation.
162	11	Options	A/B	Traffic & Lighting!
163	11	Options	A/B	Traffic and entrances and exits are a key concern
164	11	Options	B	plus 1 on cricket; more fields for underserved sports (and I don't play cricket)
165	11	Options	B	Where is cricket? Dedicated please
166	11	Options	D	Incorporate Saddlebrook into the planning. Connectivity
167	11	Options	B	Equestrian use and historic track legacy
168	11	Options	G	Who pays for this? Tax payers?
169	11	Options	G	Alternate view; I support paying more taxes to get the facilities we deserve and need
170	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	How does the property integrate with surrounding context? If it doesn't, then it doesn't work
171	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Concern with impact on traffic/safety
172	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Emphasis on paved trails for accessibility
173	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Keep intensive uses at the north
174	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Example - nice job at park on Patuxent River Road - Davidsonville Park
175	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	We (Bowie) have a lot of "fields"/ lots of softball with lights
176	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Consider using current parks & add more amenities there
177	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Keep this more open/conservation focus
178	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Noise concerns
179	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	It's an historic site; should this limit uses?
180	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Focus on inherent natural qualities instead of the "track"
181	n/a	n/a Conversation	G	Traffic on Race Track Road is dangerous

Handout #	1. BSU's proposed Urban Farm Research area received strong interest. Should it be located:		2. A 50,000 SF building is permitted. Should it be used for:			3. Court sports are noted to be a recreational need in M-NCPPC's long-range plan. Should they be located:			4. Should the former track area (B) be used for:			COMMENT
	In the former stable area (A)?	In the former grandstand area (C)?	Greenhouses/research labs for BSU's Urban Farm Research (in A or C)?	Provide for indoor recreational uses (in B)	Another use?	In the former stable area (A)?	In or immediately adjacent to the track area (B)?	In the former grandstand area (C)?	An outdoor 400m track plus a meadow and restored wetland	Primarily active recreation, but restore the pond area	Primarily active recreation, without pond restoration	
1	1		1	1		1				1		Limited types of active recreation; See attached plan which preserves equestrian history and use, but permits compatible other uses nearby and/or designates appropriate locations for incompatible or potentiall disturbing uses - it's a safety issue if horses & riders using property
2		1		1			1			1		Water fountain; Botanic garden
3		1		1			1			1		A park where you can ride your bike. Throw a ball. Like an outdoor country club. A little playground. Something for people to enjoy [? difficult to read writing] A small dog park (Not everyone has a dog). Not many buildings. Even none will be terrific! [Very faint writing, so difficult to discern last written comment]
4	1		1		No permanent building		1				1	"A" circled for question 2, option 1; Concern of traffic on Race Track Road in front of Race track and at the bad curve in Race Track Road. Barrier needed on Ract Track Road beyond the curve heading toward 197
5	1				No preference		1			1		Keep green & worried about traffic.
6	1				none	1				1		Put some equestrian facilities, rest areas, shaded area, water station, trails connect to WB&A; *Concerned about traffic dumping onto Race Track Rd. Other parks are crazy with traffic on weekends. Security??
7	1		1					1		1		Traffic!
8		1	1				1		1			Indoor swimming pool would be great; Integrating agricultural plans with PGCPs would be great. Children need to learn about where their food originates and what it takes to make it to their plate.
9				1								We need more cricket fields for youth cricket. This year we have 864 players including 112 girls. We need the larger fields for the older kids. Severe shortage of large fields for youth cricket. Bowie has the first elementary, middle school, and all-girls league in the USA
10	1		1					1		1		
11		1	0.5	0.5			1			1		Small scale options for citizens and student uses should be planned.
12	1				I don't think there should be any permanent structures built	1				1		VERY concerned about traffic. Race Track Road is crazy enough as it is!! Also, I was at the last meeting and it seemed 90% of respondants was for equestrian use. Now its somehow dropped to 30%. What's up?
13	1		1							1		No athletic fields or sports venue. Keep as open space/ meadow wild life
14	1			1			1			1		Park to ride bikes, walk or ride horses. Have park honor the historic horseracing (it started over 100 years ago!) Some type of horse area, arena, use for paid horse shows, rodeo events lots of fun for families. Maryland is for horses, Bowie was always known for horse racing. Major point: Traffic dumping on Race Track Rd! Noise! Already lots of traffic from students at BSU flying up & down road, many accidents - ask people on race track road going toward BSU. Who's paying for this and all the upkeep? Tax payers?
15				1					1	1		Pool/swimming facility. Other places are too far away. -Walking paths
16		1						1	1			More equine focus w/ facilities and bridle path. We don't need a museum, we need a place to ride. Keep the track as horse use and add supporting arenas.
17	1		1					1		1		parking / access for canoeing/ kayaking
18		1	1				1		1			Conservation of Green space; Space A should be used to restore our native trees; concern: Too much traffic on Race Track road.
19	1			1			1			1		I like the kayak and dog park area; Trails for biking & walking are a must; No entry point across from River Run Drive. It is difficult to exit from the street onto Race track without another road
20					Not sure			1			1	Pond could be a mess w/bugs; Like having pickle ball courts; Water access for kayaking is a great idea; Concerned about traffic, lights, noise & maintenance of the area/cleanliness
21	1				Classes and sports		1			1		I think indoor classrooms that local non profits and other community organizations can run programs out of and weekly food truck spot would be great.

22		1	1				1			1		I know this is very early in the process but am interested in the level of the developed area as it is compared to the residential community bordering this proposed facilities.
23						1			1			Question 1 - Doesn't matter; Question 2 - Don't build it until you; Question 3 - (?) located near parking, far away from water; Work small, Allow most areas to go wild; Allow for use in future as funding comes available
24		1	1					1		1		Very interested in recreation area for equestrian activities with arena or two for equestrian education, small shows, clinics, and therapy
25		1		1			1			1		Need dedicated pickle ball courts; Are there plans to expand the road size (4 lanes to handle increased traffic flow
26		1	1			1				1		Theraputic horseback riding; Maintaining Race Track (?) Equestrian; Connection to B&H Trail
27			1				1		1			Question 1 - Who is paying for any BSU buildings, BSU or Bowie Tax Payer?; Question 2 - Would produced food be for food banks or BSU?; I am concerned of increase of traffic. The future sight of the ball fields is at the infamous curve, where cars have crashed the fences. Will the roads be improved? I would like to see areas that would provide history programs to patrons
28	1			1				1		1		Do not want a 400 m track.
29		1			Hotel with casino, high level restaurant	1			1			Hotel w/ casino, catering facilities, picnic area, Lego store and park, community pool
30		1	1				1		1			Dog park!
31				1			1			1		Develop indoor/outdoor sports recreation center for state wide events
32	1		1				1		1			
33	1		1					1	1			Prefer 8 Emphasis on Casual Use/Conservation; Least like 9 Emphasis on Meeting Recreation Need
34	1		1						1			Question 3 - Put at a different park; Bowie has plenty of areas for oganized sports and single sport use - Reduce hard surface in area A (entire) since close to the river; Provide for individual use recreation interacting with nature or gathering space
35		1	1					1	1			No night time court sports!
36	1			1			1		1			Thank you for ... [writing is too light to read, not visible]
37	1			1			1		1			No Amphitheater; Horse Riding/ Horse Rental; Horse Trails
TOTALS	18	13	17.5	12.5	7	6	18	9	14	21	2	

Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL}: Cricket Field Needed at Bowie Racetrack
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 8:52:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Joe Meinert
To: Cricket BBGC
CC: Jim Klein, Sally Hein, Nick Spurgeon, Sheri Beach

Sham – Thanks for the email. I appreciate you sticking with it. The Task Force really did not spend much time delving into specific types of fields. They were more focused on active vs. passive recreation uses when they developed the concepts. So I don't think there was a missed opportunity. As Jim Klein mentioned, he made the assumptions those fields were being provided elsewhere, based on what we heard, so we did not focus on them specifically in the information we provided at the workshop. There will be many more times when you can participate and provide your input along the way, as the plan development process is far from being finished. I invite you to attend the July 10th City Council public hearing to speak about cricket fields, or at least provide a letter to the City Council with your details. Thanks for being so involved in promoting the sport.

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From: Cricket BBGC <cricket@bbgc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:38 AM
To: Joe Meinert <jmeinert@cityofbowie.org>
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Cricket Field Needed at Bowie Racetrack

Hi Joe,

I was very disappointed to find out on Saturday that the cricket field was not included in plans for the racetrack property. At the meeting in December, there was great support for the cricket field from the community and the attendees. The Bowie Boys and Girls Club (BBGC) started the youth cricket program in 2012. That has led to exponential growth of cricket in our area. We have accomplished the following:

1. Started the first elementary school cricket league in the USA (2014)
2. Started the first middle school cricket league in the USA (2015)
3. Started the first all girls cricket league in the USA (2018)
4. Started the first statewide youth cricket league in the USA (2014)
- 5. Largest youth cricket program in the country with 84 youth teams (U11, U13, U15 and U17), 864 players including 112 girls in 2023**

This week we had the PGCPs elementary school semifinals:

Division 1: Kenilworth vs Whitehall 1 at Kenilworth Elementary School

Division 1: Greenbelt vs Tyler Heights at Rockledge Elementary School

Division 2: Whitehall 2 vs Heather Hills at Whitehall Elementary School

Division 2: Rockledge vs Cora Rice 1 at Rockledge Elementary School

Right now we are at capacity with the current cricket fields. We need more cricket fields to keep up with the rapidly growing demand.

The City of Bowie has many soccer fields, lacrosse fields, baseball fields, softball fields, but NOT A SINGLE cricket field.

Cricket teams from other states (North Carolina, Georgia, New Jersey, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts) have played on the school cricket fields in Bowie.

Last November, I was the tournament director for the National U15 Cricket Championship Tournament, which was conducted in Houston, Texas because they have the top quality cricket fields. At present, we do not have professional quality cricket fields in Maryland.

Over the past 13 years, hundreds of families in Bowie have enjoyed playing cricket for school teams and travel teams. Some of our players have gone on to play for the USA National Cricket team and a few more are on the path to make the National team.

I urge you to reconsider putting back a cricket field on the plan for the racetrack property.

Thank you.

Sham Chotoo
Cricket Commissioner
Bowie Boys and Girls Club

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Re: Recreational Design Concept for Bowie Race Track, Equestrian PLUS

Dear Mr. Meinert,

Thank you and Bowie planning division for hosting the community workshops on the future of the Bowie Race Track. I have attended both the Dec 3 and the May 13 workshops for input regarding future uses of the Bowie Race Track and heard a lot of varying uses being requested. Except for a few that I think will not work at that site, I believe I have come up with a potential scenario that offers something for everyone, separates incompatible activities, considers impacts to sensitive forested area along the Patuxent River and Horsepen Branch, and is respectful of local residents' needs for peace and quiet. But this plan also recognizes that here is a once in a lifetime opportunity to preserve and celebrate the important equestrian history of Bowie and takes advantage of this opportunity for economic, cultural, and recreational benefits to Bowie, its constituents, and our equine partners. There is an ever-growing need for open space for equestrian facilities as land becomes more finite and property taxes higher. It is getting harder to support this industry. But where else can our equine partners go except on the remaining fragments of small farms or wedged in between expanding development. A number of entities could use the acreage on the NE side of Racetrack Road and the Patuxent River as a community horse discovery center, therapeutic riding center, a retraining and rehoming satellite for Laurel Park, a future equine studies program for Bowie State, numerous other similar ideas which may even offer local jobs.

This plan also considers existing trails along the river which could be tied into giving the public access for nature-based recreation, such as walking, horseback riding, or bicycling. However, whatever plan or uses come to pass, a substantial width of *intact* forest must be preserved along the river for water quality, stormwater buffering, noise and light pollution buffering, and must preserve local citizens' rights to quiet peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

For an equestrian use to function well, there must be a clear separation between the equestrian and certain other activities that would be disturbing, stressful, or would startle horses and riders. I would also advocate that the equestrian related buildings and fields be kept close together and fenced off for controlled access by authorized personnel or scheduled visits like any commercial horse barn does because of safety and biosecurity reasons.

The concept map included here shows locations for a variety of uses in an arrangement which would make separation, security, and forest buffering possible:

- 26 acres on *stables* side of property (SE side of Racetrack Rd) for indoor recreation uses and urban farming. (Perhaps the 50,000 sf building goes here. The "Hacienda" could perhaps be rehabbed as indoor track.)
- 5 acres for community garden space
- 18 acres for community open space and pollinator habitat
- 13 acres for reforestation to improve forest buffer to river

- Restroom and shelter area near the community open space
- An outdoor classroom and nature center
- An equestrian history museum
- Trailer parking area for haul-ins for trail riding (WB&A trail eventually will expand and connect to AA Co)
- Existing stables for Horse Discover Center, stabling therapeutic riding or horses in retraining, tack room, class room, office.
- Round pen area for Horse Discovery, petting area, or training
- Two manure composting areas near stable
- Hay and bedding barn
- Tractor barn and shop
- 8 acres for horse turn out pastures/paddocks
- 5 acre parcel for indoor arena and outdoor arena
- 17 acres cross-country and jump field for public and horse facility owner use

Thank you for your attention and willingness to forward this to the Bowie Race Track task force. Looking forward to future collaboration toward to a successful plan that pleases on many fronts.

Sincerely,

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