



# City of Bowie

## Memorandum

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
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City Manager

### STATUS REPORT

1. Old Town Bowie Community Meeting

On Monday, January 22 staff hosted a community meeting at the Huntington Community Center to talk with the residents about the recently completed 5-year strategic plan for the revitalization of Old Town Bowie. 50 people attended; 47 provided their email addresses to receive future information from the City about Old Town Bowie.

After a short staff presentation about the ideas offered in the 5-year plan, attendees asked questions and made comments and observations.

- Is the plan posted online?
- Will there be a sidewalk to connect the County/City Park [on Chestnut Ave adjacent to the former landfill] to the rest of Old Bowie? How are we supposed to get to the park by the landfill?
- What assistance programs are there for existing business owners that want to expand their businesses to Old Bowie?
- Where can I find available sites for sale in Old Bowie?
- Are there any farmers market locations planned for Old Bowie?
- Does the city have incentive programs?
- Is there a plan to give the city more control over the commercial area?
- Why not use the former Frank's Nursery for an outdoor market?
- What can the city do to keep out undesirable tenants (e.g. vape shops or cannabis dispensaries)?
- When will we see an action plan to deal with deteriorating sidewalks and streets?

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley, District 1 Councilmember Estève, and Councilmember At-Large Rogers each spoke briefly to the attendees.

Councilmembers and staff encouraged attendees to communicate their ideas both to the Council and staff. We are particularly interested in economically viable business ideas.

The Economic Development staff is preparing a recommendation on implementation of the 5-Year plan for the City Council.

