



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, November 14, 2024

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City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Complete Streets Stakeholders Meeting

On Thursday, November 7th, Planning staff held a stakeholder meeting to discuss complete streets, the Kenhill Drive Complete Streets project, and future Complete Streets implementation. A total of 21 citizens, including Mayor Pro Tem Dufour Woofley, attended the meeting at City Hall. Planning staff gave an overview of Complete Streets and then talked about the proposed and future plans for Belair and Stonybrook Dr. Stakeholders commented on the potential impact on parking during Benjamin Tasker Middle School arrival and dismissal hours, as well as the need to address speeding and safety concerns. Comments about future implementation on Belair and Stonybrook Dr included the removal of on-street parking, the need to control speeding, and graphics of prospective complete street concepts. Planning will focus on creating graphic concepts of complete street implementations to show residents and stakeholders at future sessions. We will continue to follow up with Public Works about some of the stakeholders' queries and comments, as well as the project's timing.

2. Green Bowie Veterans 5k

On November 2, the City hosted the 6th annual Green Bowie Veterans 5k. This year, 500 participants registered early online while a number of residents did walk-ups on the morning of the event. In total, about 300 participants showed up to walk or run the certified 5k (3.1 miles) which spans the central part of the City. The 5k team chose to honor City Manager Lott as the Veteran of the Year, and he was presented the award by Police Chief Preston. The 5k team wishes to thank all the staff members, exhibitors, guest speakers, and participants who help make this event a success every year.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The EDC met on Wednesday and heard from Charles Cooper, the Chief Business Development Officer for Prince George's County DPIE. Mr. Cooper is the 'go-to' person to understand the permit process and to solve permit delays. This meeting was a continuation of the EDC's examination of what it takes to get the restaurants we want in Bowie. The EDC will send a letter to the City Council with their recommendations. The next regular meeting of the EDC is Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

4. Redeemed Christian Church of God Victory Temple - County Planning Board Results

Today, the County Planning Board granted a continuance for Preliminary Plan #4-23041 until their meeting of December 5, 2024. In addition to creating a lot for

a 117,000 square foot church, the proposed plan includes eight new single-family detached lots served by an extension of Dew Drive in Woodmore Estates. Earlier this week, the applicant submitted a letter asking for a continuance to December 5th in order to address issues raised by the City regarding access to the new lots from Woodmore Estates. A total of four residents from Woodmore Estates spoke during the request for continuance discussion. Several residents indicated that they would not be available to attend a hearing on December 5th. Chairman Peter Shapiro asked the applicant to coordinate with the residents to the extent possible and consider a further continuance on December 5th to December 12th to provide an alternate hearing date that the residents could attend. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the continuance to December 5th.

Also on the Planning Board agenda today, the Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan #4-24007 for Melford Towns. In August, City Council approved the reconfiguration of lots to eliminate a multi-family building on the south side of Lake Melford Boulevard and the substitution of 28 townhouse lots at the same location. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the Preliminary Plan.