City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2020 virtually. Mayor Pro Tem Boafo called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafo, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Ndebumadu made a motion to add under New Business, Item C. Discussion on proposed revisions of the Rules of Procedure for the Bowie City Council. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Lew Pollack, Yarland Ln – Comment attached.
2. Ruth Miller, Bosworth Ln – Comment attached.
3. Roland & Ina Ray Foskey, Tapered Ln – Comment attached.
4. Patricia Ruggiero, Overbrook Ln – Comment attached.
5. Donna LaFemina, Terra Ln – Comment attached.
6. Duncan & Terri McGrath, Bowie Residents – Comment attached.
7. Patricia Ficklin – Comment attached.
8. Jose Davis – Comment attached.
9. Monica Coleman – Comment attached.
10. Diane Rodgers – Comment attached.
11. Colleen Newman – Comment attached.
12. Michael Houck, Rockledge Dr – Comment attached.
13. Gary Harash, Kimble Ln – Comment attached.
14. Terence Stone, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
15. David Mitchell, Peach Walker Dr – Comment attached.
16. Brian Sullivan – Comment attached.
17. Marguerite Spetrini, Ann Arbor Ct – Comment attached.
18. Shawn Montgomery – Comment attached.
19. Carolyn Hudson, Majestic Ln – Comment attached.

20. Tony Lang – Comment attached.
21. Saundra Lamb – Comment attached.
22. Kateria Reddick – Comment attached.
23. Ronald Smith, Sr. – Comment attached.
24. Catherine Beyerle – Comment attached.
25. Mark Palumbo – Comment attached.
26. Kenneth Urasek – Comment attached.
27. Odessa Scott – Comment attached.
28. Rich Comstock – Comment attached.
29. John Godfrey – Comment attached.
30. Kim McDermott – Comment attached.
31. Tameeka Washington – Comment attached.
32. Jean Rottmann, Ramsgate Ln – Comment attached.
33. Michael Davis – Comment attached.
34. Kenneth Rothermel – Comment attached.
35. Dinah Kuhnert – Comment attached.
36. Lou D'Orsaneo – Comment attached.
37. Stacy Hall – Comment attached.
38. Joy Wolfe – Comment attached.
39. Paul Gottlieb – Comment attached.
40. Dare & Clyde Draughn, Viewpoint Ln – Comment attached.
41. Cary Cartonia – Comment attached.
42. Bill Brandt – Comment attached.
43. Kenny Hall – Comment attached.
44. Robert Pallone – Comment attached.
45. Fred Robinson – Comment attached.
46. John Davenport – Comment attached.
47. Charles Garner – Comment attached.
48. Evan Davey, Lottsford Rd – Comment attached.
49. Larry Crum – Comment attached.
50. Tiffany Garner – Comment attached.
51. Paul & Roberta Smith, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
52. Frank Rose, Knowledge Ln – Comment attached.
53. Bob Snyder – Comment attached.
54. Tim Walsh, Holiday Ln – Comment attached.
55. Clayton Saltsman – Comment attached.
56. Bill Schaffer – Comment attached.
57. Ronnie Tilman – Comment attached.
58. Betty Habershon – Comment attached.
59. Bennett Garner – Comment attached.
60. David Stewart – Comment attached.
61. Tom Holland, Norway Pl – Comment attached.
62. Jessica Keigley, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
63. Christopher Keigley – Comment attached.
64. Rachel Love, Bowie Resident - Comment attached.
65. Mark Vogel – Comment attached.
66. Daniel Bieler – Comment attached.
67. Jay Bieler – Comment attached.
68. Charlie Zibreg – Comment attached.
69. Kevin Daniels – Comment attached.
70. Larry Blum – Comment attached.
71. John Hagerty – Comment attached.

72. Matt Bieler – Comment attached.
73. Gabriella Sinkovic – Comment attached.
74. Leslie Davis – Comment attached.
75. Mike Lawlor – Comment attached.
76. Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith – Comment attached.
77. Chris Payne – Comment attached.
78. David Stewart – Comment attached.
79. Mary Romanelli – Comment attached.
80. Christin Vare – Comment attached.
81. Sandy Milligan – Comment attached.
82. DA Fowkes – Comment attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Golf Course - Mr. Darrell Carrington and Mr. John Huber proposed the needed repairs of the Bowie Golf Course and how Bowie Golf Management will help the future of the golf course. The golf course was purchased by the City in 1981 and entered into a 20-year lease agreement with Fred Ryder Enterprises, later named Bowie Golf Management. Throughout the years BGM has maintained the property but it is starting to show the wear. A study was done on the property that showed an estimated cost of $12M needed for renovations that would include a new clubhouse, new irrigation system, expanding of driving range and cart path repairs.

Council reiterated that the golf course is not being sold, they are just starting a discussion on which improvements need to be done right away and the future management of the golf course in order to keep it a viable investment.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-55-20 Observing Juneteenth in the City of Bowie - Councilmember Esteve made a motion to adopt Resolution R-55-20. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Adoption Rules of Procedure for the Bowie City Council Discussion – Councilmember Ndedumadu presented the draft document and encouraged her colleagues to review it and present any changes or suggestions at a future meeting. Mayor Adams proposed to have the document added to the agenda of the Council retreat.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Adams motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: lsp <lspgolf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 3:04 PM
To: cityclerk; lspgolf
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Fw: golf course meeting July 13

A great golf course should be interesting, beautiful, a challenge, depending on what tee box you use. and add beauty and value to the community. That is Bowie golf course
I have lived in Bowie 54 years and I started playing golf at 40, and took lesson from Fred Rider, the manager at that time. If you never played you should start. To even think of closing the course to put houses or buildings there would break by heart. The course is very friendly to women and seniors, and a challenge for all others depending on the tee box one uses. Tee boxes are placed for various skills level. I know some of you visited the course recently, but have the manager, John in a cart take you around.
Hear are my suggestion for renewal of lease. Fix the cart paths. A sprinkler system is needed. Leave the club house as is excepts the bathrooms and kitchen needs a upgrade. This is not a country club like Rendition or Lake Presidential, which are too hard for women and seniors and twice the cost of Bowie.
Plus Bowie has more rounds of golf played than either of them. Raise the fee to $40 for 18 holes for non residents and leave the current rates for Residents of Bowie

The city can take will take in income of $5.00 per round which will pay for the current improvements. and future improvements. Like the TV program Shark Tank so city will get investment back. The golf course has not ever cost the tax payer dime. All loans and bonds have been paid back to the city. This is a city course not private like GlenDale,: Lake Arbor, Upper Marlboro, and Cross Creek all courses that were privately owned. These courses went under because the owner died, so the estate sold it or lack of play because the course was not kept in playing condition.

The land has increased in value from the time it opened around 1959 and sold to city in 1981 to now, and will increase further every year as you all know.

Extend the lease for 10 years or 20 years. Then make a determination on the future of golf. As long there is a Tiger Woods or Phil Michelson or there replacement golf will be around long after we are long gone. Golf started in 1502 in England and Scotland.

As a 82 years old, who golf drive went from 200 to 125 because of age , I still love the game.

I have played every public course in Md., some private and many military golf courses, and I enjoy Bowie golf course the most.

thanks you for reading this

Lew Pollack
13318 Yarland Lane
Bowie
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Ruth K. Miller <ruthkmiller@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 9:13 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support letter for the Bowie Golf Course

City Clerk Awilda Hernandez

July 3, 2020

Dear Bowie City Council Members,

It is my understanding that you will be considering the future of the Bowie Golf Course at your upcoming meeting. This letter is in support of keeping this wonderful area as a golf course. I am a senior citizen living in the B section of Bowie. I have lived in Bowie for 45 years and played golf for the last 20 years. I play golf regularly at the Bowie Golf Course, sometimes 2 times a week. It is a scenic and interesting golf course, rated medium in difficulty. Many ponds make the course beautiful and also challenging for golfers. I often stop to watch the turtles or the ducks enjoying the ponds. The fairways and greens are well maintained. The City has done an excellent job of cutting down dead trees or ones that may fall during a storm.

The course is frequented by many Bowie seniors and a diversified group of players are welcomed there. It has been an excellent outdoor form of recreation during the pandemic. Currently, most of us use separate carts unless we are a family group and we keep our masks in place whenever we are near other players.

The cart path needs to be redone and the club house needs some improvement but the course itself is in great condition. With some renovations, weddings and other celebrations could take place at the golf club and bring in additional revenue for the City. Please keep this golf course in the budget for the many seniors and others who enjoy this wonderful asset of Bowie. Thank you for your service as a Council Member.

Sincerely,

Ruth K. Miller

2803 Bosworth Lane

Bowie, MD 20715

301-464-6287

Awilda Hernandez

From: Ina Ray <irfsky@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 3:12 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Fwd: Bowie Golf

City Clerk Awilda Hernandez
City of Bowie
15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, MD 20716

July 5, 2020

Dear Bowie City Council Members:

As residents of Bowie for over fifty years we have enjoyed many pleasurable hours playing at Bowie Golf Course. It has been a staple in our community for as long as we remember even before we began playing golf. The Clubhouse, where we have enjoyed retirement parties, Bar Mitzvahs, Life celebrations and countless holiday outings, has been wonderful to have in our town.
The extremely friendly management has always made Bowie members and guests feel welcome.
We are in support of keeping this course and continuing with the same accommodating management that community has come to know and love.

Sincerely,

Roland & Ina Ray Foskey
2924 Tapered Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

Awilda Hernandez

From: Pat Ruggiero <patruggiero1959@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:25 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

July 8, 2020

Dear Bowie City Council Members:

I have been advised that you will be considering the future of the Bowie Golf Course. I have been a resident of Bowie since 1967 and have enjoyed playing the Course since the early eighties. I write in support of keeping the Course open.

The Course is definitely a plus for the City as well as a source of revenue. With so many area courses having closed in recent years, the Course has been and will continue to be extremely busy. The Course is currently in wonderful condition and I'd like to thank the City for the monies they have provided thus far to make improvements. I have heard rumors that some in the City's employ would like to see the Course closed and the land developed. What a shame that would be; once this green space is gone, it is gone for good. Please do not let this happen.

I also feel that the current management is doing a very good job especially during these trying times.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Ruggiero
13421 Overbrook Ln.
Bowie, MD 20715

Sent from my iPad

Awilda Hernandez

From: lafemina66@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Hello!

Please, please save the Bowie Golf Course under the same management. No one could run the Bowie Golf Course like John has all of these years. He is a mainstay in our golf community and does a fantastic job!

Thanks!

Awilda Hernandez

From: lafemina66@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Re: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Donna LaFemina
12008 Terra Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

-----Original Message-----
From: Awilda Hernandez <ahernandez@cityofbowie.org>
To: lafemina66@verizon.net <lafemina66@verizon.net>
Sent: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 10:50 am
Subject: RE: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Thank you for your comment, please provide your name and address for the record.

Thank you.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk
City of Bowie
www.cityofbowie.org

From: lafemina66@verizon.net <lafemina66@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez <ahernandez@cityofbowie.org>
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

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Thanks!
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Duncan McGrath <duncan.f.mcgrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Save bowie golf course under the same management. We frequent the golf course multiple times a week and love playing golf there. Thank you for your consideration.

Duncan and Terri McGrath
Bowie residents

Awilda Hernandez

From: Patricia Ficklin <pduncan97@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

To whom it may concern: Please save the Bowie Course!!

Thank you for your time.

~ Patricia

Awilda Hernandez

From: Miguel Davis <mdavispr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I understand that the future of the Bowie Golf Course will be discussed at an upcoming City Council Meeting and also understand there are several options being considered. I wanted to express my support for the continued operations of the course under its current management.Mr. Huber, the General Manager has, in my opinion, done an outstanding job at creating and maintaining an affordable option for golfers in this area and it would be shame if this resource were lost.

Very respectfully,

José M. Davis

Paz, amor y justicia ...

The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page. - St. Augustine

Awilda Hernandez

From: monica coleman <monic4u@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Please Keep Bowie Golf Club

Good Day,

I am writing to express my wish and desire that the Bowie Golf Club remain open and continue to employ the current staff. I golf at this course at least once a week and practice at least twice weekly. This course allows all of us Bowie residents and others to enjoy a golf course that is very nice and affordable. We need to keep this open and beautiful space in our city. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Monica Y. Coleman

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Diane Rodgers <dck7banker@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Club Proposal

I understand that a Bowie City Council meeting is scheduled for next Monday to discuss options regarding the Bowie Golf Club. I implore you to please seriously consider allowing the course, with so much history and recreational value, to renew their lease and remain under current management. The General Manager there, John Huber, has been with Bowie Golf Club for over 40 years. Please do the right thing and allow Bowie to keep its beautiful course and allow John Huber to keep his job for which he has devoted his entire adult life.

Thank you for your time and attention
Diane Y. Rodgers

Awilda Hernandez

From: Colleen Breihof <dcirish1961@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I'm emailing to let you know that I think Bowie Golf Course should not be sold of for development and should keep under the same management.
I have been golfing for 3 years now and I prefer Bowie over all the other local courses.
I feel that the management is friendly and try to make sure everyone is being helped.
Please keep Bowie as is.
Sincerely,
Colleen Newman

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Michael Houck <mwhouck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Hello,
I'm a Bowie resident residing in Rockledge.
Please SAVE the Bowie Golf Course under the same management! I love that place and John Huber is wonderful!
Thank You,
Michael Houck
12008 Rockledge Drive
443-224-0377

Awilda Hernandez

From: Gary <garyj1942@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I am writing in support of keeping the City of Bowie Golf Course under the same management.

The golf course:
1. Provides open space in an ever overcrowding area that adds to our quality of life.
2. Is well managed and maintained.
3. Is an important part of the extensive physical activities available in our city.

I am a 50 year resident of Bowie and an active user of the golf course for over 30 years.The golf course is a great asset to our city and I encourage your support in keeping the golf course under the same management.

Thank you,
Gary J. Harash
2611 Kimble Ln.
Bowie, MD 20715
301-464-2335
garyj1942@aol.com

Awilda Hernandez

From: Terence Stone <terence.stone25@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: SAVE the Bowie Golf Course

Good afternoon Ms. Hernandez,
I am sending this email with the request to "Save the Bowie Golf Course under the same management". There are three points I would like to make.

1. I started using the golf course as a patron last summer. John Huber and his staff have been quite friendly and professional. I have not experienced this kind of professionalism at other courses.
2. I also took one-on-one instruction from PGA Professional Instructor Ross Gelfo. As an educator with 17+ years experience, Ross was an excellent instructor. I can now play with confidence as a result of his instruction.
3. The golf course is one of the many gems that makes Bowie a great place to live. The course is well kept and quite affordable. Please keep it that way.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Terence M. Stone
347.613.1978
Bowie Resident

Terence M. Stone
Computer Science Teacher / Code.org Facilitator
St. Charles High School

Awilda Hernandez

From: David Mitchell <mitdc@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I understand the City Council will consider options for the Bowie Golf Course.

Please keep the golf course under its current management. We have played there for a number of years. The management team has been great. The course is a cherished place for exercise and meeting with friends.

Respectfully,

David C. Mitchell
15707 Peach Walker Dr
Bowie, MD 20716
301-249-3452
Cell 240-619-9676
mitdc@verizon.net

Awilda Hernandez

From: Brian Sullivan <bsullivan@jsitel.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I have been playing golf at Bowie since I grew up a mile or so away – Bowie High School Class of 1984 - and have continued to play golf there in the years since then.

I would like to encourage the City to retain and augment this wonderful old course. With recent closure of Glenn Dale Golf Club, Bowie really has an opportunity to provide a great golf experience at a reasonable price that can accommodate all the residents of the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Sullivan

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Marguerite <marg106118@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:53 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf

Dear Bowie City Council Members

Bowie has been my home for 42 years. I chose this area for the amenities such as tennis courts, neighborhood pools, and the golf course

There has been mention of the golf course being used for housing. That would be a great loss to our city. Bowie golf is not only an open space but serves our residents of all ages as a place to gather to enjoy this sport. Many of our children took lessons and now enjoy playing with friends and even their parents. A sport for all ages

The current staff is doing a great job. They are welcoming, encouraging and knowledgeable about the sport making one want to expand their skills

The city has made improvements and we hope this continues. It truly is an asset to Bowie. I hope to continue to play and enjoy this course along with my neighbors and friends.

Now that other courses have closed let's not do away with Bowie golf which is much appreciated.

Thank you

Marguerite Spetrini
15907 Ann Arbor Court
Bowie, 20716

Awilda Hernandez

From: Shawn <smontgom2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: SAVE the Bowie Golf Course

Dear Ms. Hernandez,
It has recently come to my attention that the Bowie Golf Course lease will expire in September 2021 and the future of the course is uncertain. I urge you to **Save the Bowie Golf Course under the same management**. It is an invaluable resource for the community. Both my aunt and I have taken golf lessons at this lovely course for years and find the instructors to be extremely knowledgeable and welcoming to the sport. It would be a huge loss to the community if this course was closed or if the current staff were replaced. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Shawn

(Ms.) Shawn Montgomery
smontgom2@gmail.com

Awilda Hernandez

From: Carolyn Hudson <carhud@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:09 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Request to have this Letter of Support for the Bowie Golf Course read at the City Council Meeting

Dear Bowie City Council Members:

Knowing that you will be reviewing the future operation of the Bowie Golf Course on July 13th, I wanted to express my wholehearted support of this facility. I have been a Bowie resident since 1968 and have played our course since 1976. While I am a senior citizen who has enjoyed the opportunity for healthful exercise there for the last 44 years, the the Bowie Golf Course has provided the same benefits to younger adults, teens, and young kids, both male and female, in other words people of all ages. The clientele is ethnically diverse as well.

Please do not shut down this great facility which is a hallmark of our City. John Huber and his staff are doing a wonderful job with the course and could use additional funding for some needed improvements as this course, like all others, has aged through the years.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of keeping the Bowie Golf Course open and running well.

Carolyn Hudson
3605 Majestic Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

301-661-0149

Awilda Hernandez

From: Anthony LANG <anthonyrlang@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:54 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: bowie golf course

One of Bowie's best assets is its golf course. In selecting a place to call home, having a golf course was a deciding factor. Being a senior citizen, outdoor activity is a must for physical health. Besides being a revenue source for the city. it adds prestige to Maryland's best city. Local merchants benefit greatly from people from the surrounding area coming to play golf here in Bowie Our city must see the golf course as essential. Any discussions, concerning its value to the people who live in Bowie, must only be to preserve ,improve and keep this wonderful outdoor recreational facility as a golf course. Sincerely, Tony Lang.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Saundra Lamb <sllamb@semforex.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: P. Ross Gelfo; Michael Lamb
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Fwd: Save the Bowie Golf Club

Dear Madam Hernandez:

I have just learned that our neighborhood Bowie Golf course may be in jeopardy at the end of its lease expiration in September 2021. I am writing to ask your significant support to facilitate the continuation of this important opportunity for public recreation.

I am a new golfer. I picked up the sport and am learning the techniques of the game. My husband and I play as a way to get exercise outdoors while practicing social distancing in this unprecedented time.

Please protect this public course. As you know, we already lost the lovely Glenn Dale Golf Course last fall. If we don't look out, we will only have the Enterprise, which will in no way serve all of the many local residents who love this sport.

Sometimes, it's the small things that keep us going even through a time like this. Thank you for listening, and thank you for the action you take on behalf of this matter.

Sincerely,

Saundra L. Lamb, Esq.
President, COO

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A Ballistics Apparel Company

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Awilda Hernandez

From: please accept kateria reddick <kateriar62@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save the Course

Please Save the Bowie Golf Course. It provides meaning to life for so many participants by it be income, social medicine or a means to bring the community together.
SAVE BOWIE GOLF COURSE!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Awilda Hernandez

From: Ron Smith <smitty1954ron@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:22 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie council meeting on behalf of the bowie golf course

I Ronald A Smith Sr.
Do hereby give a brief testimony. On behalf of Bowie golf course. Having worked at the former Marlboro country club in upper Marlboro as well as the marlton golf course in upper Marlboro which are now close.we cannot afford to lose another golf course in Prince George's county the current management team ...John &his group has been doing a phenomenal job as it relates to the operation of the golf course I highly recommend that this MGMT. Team continue to operate the golf course so that the public throughout the county &the city of Bowie can enjoy golf outing and family recreation for years to come.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Cathy <beyerle@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie golf course

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I respectfully ask that you maintain the Bowie Golf Course with its current management. This golf course provides much needed rest and relaxation for the citizens of Maryland. In these stressful times the opportunity to see a friendly and familiar face at the golf course and enjoy a round of golf is critically important. Let's respect this tradition and keep the golf course the way it is with its current management.

Sincerely,
Catherine Beyerle

Awilda Hernandez

From: Mark Palumbo <mpalumbo@davisupton.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: FW: Bowie Golf Course
Attachments: Mark J_ Palumbo_ Esq_.vcf; Mark J_ Palumbo_ Esq_2.vcf

City Manager Alfred Lott,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing this email in support of John Huber and the current management group in their efforts to remain managing the Bowie Golf Course. I understand that the Golf Course is on the agenda this coming week.

First, it is my understanding that there are three current options for the course that include shutting it down for development purposes, keeping it open under current management and keeping it open under different management. With regards to the first option, it would be a disservice to the city to shut it down for development purposes. Beside the overdevelopment issues, the course has long provided a great service, not only to city residents but also to those golfers that live outside the city, as a friendly, inexpensive, challenging place to play golf. A service that is currently in much higher demand with the closing of other local golf courses. And it is not only the golf, but the assistance that the golfers provide to local businesses. Many of these golfers may not come to Bowie other than to play golf.

In addition, the course is part of the fabric that is unique to Bowie. My daughter Grace currently lives in Fort Hood Texas. A friend's husband was recently transferred to Fort Meade and they decided to rent a home in Bowie. One of the first things that they heard about and loved about Bowie was the local golf course. Myself and many other people that I grew up with have been playing the course for years. The course should remain open for new residents and old residents alike!

With regards to the management of the course, I strongly recommend that the City renew the current contracts or work out whatever long term solution that is necessary to retain the current management team. John Huber is a "Bowie guy" that has dedicated his life to golf and has been working at and running the course for forty years. I also grew up in Bowie and am similar in age to John; however, I have only gotten to know John well over the past three years when my youngest son Noah "retired" from playing baseball and picked up a golf club. I now play golf regularly with my son and have had the opportunity to get to know John and observe how John conducts business at the course. His job has not been easy over the past several months because of the number of golfers that have decided to play at Bowie, the COVID 19 issues and the overall economy. From all indications, the place is thriving and John has continued to do a tremendous job.

Besides getting to watch John manage the course, I also have the benefit of having my oldest son, Matthew, work at the course over the past three summers. Matthew works on the course under the immediate supervision of Barry Gilbert. I believe that Mr. Gilbert has been affiliated with the course as the groundskeeper for as long as John, if not longer. We talk about Matthew's jobs and It is interesting to note that Matthew has had only had positive things to say about John and Barry. As a parent, it was and is, a relief to be able to send your son to work and have men like John and Barry who foster hard work and a good work ethic, but also treat your son well. This anecdotal example is an indication as to what kind of men are running the course.

John and his staff have done a wonderful job at providing top rate service at an affordable cost. They have come up with a plan through deals and through youth camps to engage younger golfers and develop an interest in the sport. In my opinion, this is going to pay dividends as it is the rare sport where you can participate and still social

distance. With the current popularity of the course and the plans to involve younger golfers, John has developed a plan and a path for further success.

Finally, just as I think that the city would be doing a disservice to the citizens of Bowie by closing the course, I also think they would be doing a disservice to the citizens of Bowie and the patrons of the golf course if they were to bring in an outside management firm. As I indicated, John has dedicated his life to the sport. More accurately, he has dedicated his life to the Bowie Golf course. His commitment and dedication over the past forty years to the course and to the city have helped develop longstanding relationships with vendors, advertisers, employees and golfers. He has successfully guided the business of the golf course into something akin to a profit making family affair that also provides a great service and a great benefit to the city of Bowie and its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to share this information with whomever you choose.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these matter further, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Palumbo

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Ken Urasek <kurasek@me.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: jmhgolf1@aol.com; lspgolf; Jack O'Malley; Bill & Loretta Schaffer
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Future of Bowie Golf Course

Good Day to the City of Bowie and
Mr./ Ms. A. Hernandez and would like to provide my personal input to why I believe the City of Bowie should retain the ownership / management agreement with BGM and Mr. John Huber.

I, Kenneth Urasek, have been a resident of the Bowie area since 1976 and have been playing the local beautiful Bowie Golf Course since I came to the area.
It is a fair test for all levels of Golf Skill at a most reasonable fee.

I have played both in a league for over 30 years as well as some of the Charity Fund Raisers over the years and always enjoyed my time at the Bowie GC.

It also has been an awesome environment to meet many local residents as there always seems to a friendly atmosphere when you are at the Bowie GC.

The Management Team has always been very courteous and friendly to all patrons.
Mr. John Huber makes one feel Welcome.

Over the years the Course has been renovated and it is in great shape today.

It is a Beautiful Open Space and it adds such a great amenity to the City of Bowie Residents whether they play Golf or not.
I have always recommended local citizens visit this great amenity and walk a few holes when the course is available to see what they have right in their own backyard.

I would hate to see another housing development or anything else as a future use of the golf course property.

I personally worked in the Housing Industry for over 30 years as a Real Estate Banker and Yes Property Taxes Generate Revenue but also bring many other issues. More Density is Not Always a Good Thing.

Let's Keep Bowie GC Open and a Great Amenity for All It's Residents and Evening Though Who Come from Neighboring areas to Enjoy This Excellent and Fun Golf Course.

Respectively Submitted,

Kenneth Urasek
410-419-2486
kurasek@me.com

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Scott, Odessa W. <oscott@Howard.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: jmhgolf1@aol.com
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: FW: SAVE: Bowie Golf Course/Letter of Recommendation

Dear Bowie City Council,
My name is Odessa Scott, Coordinator of LPGA SM Amateur Chapter (formerly EWGA) and a long standing Bowie, Maryland resident. I am writing on behalf of my beloved Bowie Golf Club and it's Management. My golf group, LPGA Sunday Divas began our league at Bowie Golf Club in 2013. When we first met Mr. John Huber and his staff, we knew immediately that this would be home for our Sunday Divas League. Mr. Huber and his staff are the most professional, accommodating and people friendly of all the golf clubs in the Bowie/Upper Marlboro/Waldorf and D.C. Area. The golf course is always nicely maintained, the restrooms are impressive and carts are cleaned. In playing with other women golf groups in the area, my Bowie Golf Club is always spoken with high regards. It is rewarding and gratifying to know that the City of Bowie has its own golf course, especially when speaking to those who are looking to purchase or down size their homes.

Now, it is my understanding that it is time for my Bowie Golf Club to renew their lease. I know without a doubt that you will renew the lease to Mr. Huber, seeing that he has devoted more than 40 years of his life to our beloved golf course. He has put a lot of hard work and dedication into the upkeep of the course and maintained a wonderful, dedicated staff that represents our beautiful City of Bowie. Bowie requires the best and Mr. Huber, Bowie Golf Club is the best!! I await your decision and I know that you will make the right decision to renew the lease to Mr. Huber. As a matter of fact, you need to consider enhancing the course, seeing that his intake of golfers has increased tremendously.

Odessa W. Scott, Coordinator
Sunday Divas League
LPGA Southern Maryland Amateur
(202)469-9024

Awilda Hernandez

From: rcomstock23@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

It has recently come to my attention that the lease for the Bowie golf course expires in September and that city council will determine the future of the golf course. I grew up in Bowie, played on the Bowie High golf team, and have spent many hours playing golf at "our" course. I hope city council decides to renew the lease under the current management.

Rich Comstock

Awilda Hernandez

From: john godfrey <johngodfrey118@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Closing of golf course ☹

Not in favor of closing of Bowie golf course 🏌Love everything about this facility including the professional staff 🏌

Awilda Hernandez

From: Kim McDermott <duke12660@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}:

Please please please keep the golf course in Bowie..I moved to Bowie 33 years ago and tell everyone I don't want to leave I have everything from the golf course to parks and trails and pools and playhouses and movie theaters, restaurants and shopping and churches..Bowie is special it's not overgrown like other places are getting..why why put more stress on our roads schools etc...I cant stand to see more houses being built for what ..Bowie is the suburbs not a city...I use the golf course and now my grandson does..it h
Devestate me to see what they want to do. Please rethink and consider the community our youth our Bowie. Kim McDermott a Bowie home owner since 1984.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Tameeka Washington <tlfrancis29@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:25 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Britt Bunn; Michael Esteve; Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Virtual Community Events

Hi Ms. Hernandez,

I would like to modify my earlier email and submit the below for comment at Monday's City Council meeting:

My name is Tameeka Washington and I have been a resident of Bowie for 10 years. I first want to thank the city for helping to promote and support the Bowie Vigil, the Interfaith Discussion on Race and Faith, and the most recent event, Parenting Your Way Through 2020, which highlighted the resources offered by Bowie Youth and Family Services in a virtual discussion and Q&A with local parents. I believe these events have been a benefit to the community and would like to continue organizing such events as we navigate through these unprecedented times. I am writing to request the City Council approve a proposal for regular city-hosted virtual events to support not just me but anyone in Bowie who would like to host such community-based events.

Thank you for your time.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Jean Rottmann <jlrottmann@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:38 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support Bowie Golf Course

City Clerk Awilda Hernandez

July 10, 2020

Dear Bowie City Council,

I've never written a letter to the City Council before, but I was so upset when I heard some council members were considering selling off Bowie Golf, that I felt compelled to write and tell you how important the golf course has been to my family.

When we were transferred to this area, we had choices of which communities to move. We chose Bowie because of the amenities it offered. There is a park, a pool, an elementary school, middle school and a golf course within walking distance of our home. The City Gym, ice arena, senior center have all been used by my family and we would hate to lose any one of them, but the golf course is special and that beautiful green space could never be recouped if given over to housing.

My husband has been playing golf at Bowie for 36 years. I learned to play along with our 3 boys. The boys played on the high school golf team at Bowie and several of them had summer jobs at the course. Our grandchildren are on the same path, playing and working on the course. We've been part of the men's and women's leagues, attended retirement parties and election celebrations at Bowie Golf.

With so many of the area golf courses closing, Bowie has drawn golfers from all over. The course has been packed this summer. With some loving care from the city, John, Barry and the crew have done a great job and we would like to see Bowie Golf available for many more years. It's a bigger asset to the community than more houses would ever be.

Please save our beautiful golf course.

Sincerely,

Jean Rottmann
4714 Ramsgate Lane
Bowie, Maryland 20715

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Mike Davis <mdavis@beltwaytransportation.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Good Afternoon,

Please SAVE the Bowie Golf Course under the same management.

We love that place, have been going there for 50 years. Thank you

Michael J. Davis
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Kenneth Rothermel <kroth.sr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I have been an A member of the Bowie Golf Course for the past ten years and a resident of Bowie since 1970..
The course is in need of restoration. Please support the plan that was presented last year.
Also please support John Huber ,the current manager, to continue in the management of the course.
Thanking you in advance for your consideration, Kenneth W. Rothermel

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dinah Kuhnert <dinahkuhnert@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Alfred Lott
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: SAVE the Bowie Golf Course

Dear Bowie City Manager Alfred Lott, & City Clerk Awilda Hernandez,

Please save the Bowie Golf Course by keeping it under the same management. It would be a shame to see the property sold off & developed. It would be better to renew the lease & remain under the current management.

Thank you,
Dinah Kuhnert
"M" section Bowie resident

Awilda Hernandez

From: Louis D'orsaneo <loujoan58@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:05 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Future of bowie golf course

Awilda; i cannot attend the council meeting tomorrow night; however myself and many other of my golf friends are apposed to any development of the golf course! The golf course is an excellent activity for us seniors especially since some other courses have closed.please pass this on to councilman wolfley.

Hope that youband family are well!

Lou d'orsaneo

Lou d'orsa
Thank you

Awilda Hernandez

From: Stacy Hall <stacy.hall.925@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:38 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Bill Brandt; Cary Cartonia; Ckeigley@msn.com; Erin Foskey; Jay Bieler; Jessica Keigley; Mike&Tiffany; Sheila Bieler; Tiffany Garner
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: BOWIE CITY GOLF COURSE

Dear City Council Members,

I've recently heard there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the future of the Bowie Golf Course. I have lived in Bowie my entire fifty-five years and over the past several years have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play golf at the course. I now frequent Bowie Golf Course two to three times a week. It is a really nice course with some fantastic yet challenging holes.

Losing the course would be so upsetting to many community members. The course has been a staple to many residents! I always tell people, once you live in Bowie you rarely ever want to leave.

As you know, Bowie is a tight-knit family and many people would be at a lose if the course closed. And, as I'm sure you've witnessed, many senior citizens use the course!!

I am asking that you seriously take into consideration the history and importance of the course to many.

Thank you!

My best,

Stacy Hall
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Stacy Hall-Brandt
www.DOODLEtoonz.com
301.752.5534

SWS Sisters Swing

SWS Junior GOLFER

July 10, 2020

Dear Council

It is of great honor to thank you in advance for the continuance of Bowie Golf Club. The golf course that keeps giving life for those to enjoy our lives.

Bowie Golf Club under the management of John Huber has been a gift to those who care to learn about the game of golf. Golf offers so many avenues toward life and for those who select golf as a profession it is not one of the easiest sports to master, but it is the one activity we have with us for a lifetime.

My name is Joy D Wolfe, Founder, Director of both SWS – Sisters Who Swing Golf Association and SWS Jr Golfers. Sisters Who Swing Golf Association advocates for new golfers. For women regardless of their skill set to come out and learn and enjoy the golf lifestyle. Each season since we have had Bowie Golf Club as our home course, the membership has doubled. SWS Jr. Golfers are introduce to the game of golf as a vehicle for higher education, mind sight goals and community service that will produce productive citizens. We have been able to reach at risk communities to come learn the game. Each season has grown by leaps and bound, with our summer camps and programs.

Bowie Golf Club is a staple of the community. It serves a diverse population of golfers.

John Huber, knows about golf, management skills, people skills, knows the community, has the commitment to the community awareness, the love and joy and respect for the game of golf.

I hope you will take my letter under consideration, that Bowie Golf Club remains that staple in the community and that John Huber remains management of the course. His 40 year of service is evidence of his love and dedication to this sport.

During these trying times with Covid-19, golf is an activity that can be a relaxing and outlet for all to enjoy. This would not be the time to think about closure of a vital entity of the community.

I thank you in advance for maintaining the course, and John Huber. Stay safe and be protective.

Sincerely,

Joy D. Wolfe
Founder, Director
SWS Sisters and Swing Golf Association
SWS Jr Golfers

Awilda Hernandez

From: Paul Gottlieb <paulgottlieb47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support for BGM to continue managing Bowie Golf Course

To whom it may concern:

I recommend that those considering the future of the Bowie Golf course, consider its impact by visiting the course on any day year round. Even better, visit the course today as we all deal as a community with the challenge of the virus. How many other institutions are there that are contributing as much to our ability to cope. There is no other golf course in this area that supports seniors as much as Bowie. Come out and see the diversity of the clientele: by age, by ethnicity, by gender and the respect and courtesy that is shown to all. Will these benefits to the Bowie community be retained if someone other than local interests are running the club? I think not.

Paul Gottlieb

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dare Draughn <dareclyde@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:10 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

July 12, 2020

City Council Members,

My husband and I are long-time residents of Bowie (50 years) and have enjoyed the Bowie Golf Course for at least 25 years. We would like to add our voices in support of keeping the course under the same management. It is a wonderful place for all ages and abilities. Save the course—it would be very sad to see this beautiful and welcoming space converted to more development and housing.

Dare and Clyde Draughn
13011 Viewpoint Lane, 20715
301-262-2276

Awilda Hernandez

From: Cary Cartonia <trainer1985@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:25 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Dear City Council Members,

I've recently heard there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the future of the Bowie Golf Course. I have lived in Bowie for 13 years and over the past several years have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play golf at the course. I now frequent Bowie Golf Course two to three times a week. It is a really nice course with some fantastic yet challenging holes.

I also am a PGCPS Golf Coach, the course has been a great place for new golfers to learn the game and hopefully make golf a life long activity. These young student athletes deserve a course close to home where they can build sportsmanship and discipline. They learn etiquette and respect for the game and others.

Losing the course would be so upsetting to many community members. The course has been a staple to many residents! I always tell people, once you live in Bowie you rarely ever want to leave.

As you know, Bowie is a tight-knit family and many people would be at a loss if the course closed. And, as I'm sure you've witnessed, many senior citizens use the course!!

I am asking that you seriously take into consideration the history and importance of the course to many.

Thank you!

My best,

Cary Cartonia

Cary Cartonia ATC, PES, MS Northwestern High School PE Teacher Softball Coach

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bill Brandt <bill.brandt716@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:27 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Good afternoon,

I am emailing in protest against the potential closure of the course. We are residents and use the course regularly.

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: kenny hall <krhall101@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Golf Course

I 100persent Support keeping the golf course open and John in charge of the operation

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: ROBERT PALLONE <pall1one@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

The Bowie Golf Course should remain open for everyone

Bowie residents, young and old alike, enjoy the fresh air, the game, and just having fun.
It serves as an outlet for many, and enhances the city, making it, THE PLACE, to reside.
John Huber and staff, have done a wonderful job, providing a HEALTHY outlet, whether you choose to walk or ride.

So "keeping the course open" requires some serious thought re whatever you do.
I'm aware that there are money matters that come into play too.
But, the course will attract people, keep property values up, and make it an "ALL-AROUND CITY" place to be.
So, keep this golf course open, you will be glad you did as we move forward in this 21st century.

Robert Pallone
An 85 yo, Korean Veteran, who enjoys playing the course (only 9 holes), twice a week.
Enjoy an "over 50 league" in late fall and winter...that's temperature, not age. Over 50 degrees, we play.
Thank you and God Bless for serving the city in whatever capacity. "Not an easy job."
I admire all of you.

Sent from my iPad

Awilda Hernandez

From: Robinson <geefred1@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Hi Awilda,

Hope you and all city staff are doing well during the virus challenge, please stay healthy. Thanks to all of you for keeping the city operational during this challenge. You guys are the best

It is my understanding that City Council is reviewing plans for the Bowie Golf Course. That is great. The golf course is a city treasure.

As an amateur golfer I have enjoyed the humbling experience of playing there and I know why the people that created the game named it golf - all the other four letter words were taken!

The Bowie Golf course is part of the great tradition that is Bowie. The current management team under John Huber have done a great job with the facility and they are incredibly gracious hosts to all that play there. They host daily activities and numerous tournaments that have brought joy to generations of Bowie residents.

I cannot begin to estimate the number of young folks from Bowie High School Golf Teams as well as numerous other schools that have enjoyed free professional support and more often than not - complimentary access to the course. Mr Huber is the current leader of the band at Bowie and he is a proud successor to decades of great leadership there.

As public courses continue to disappear it is now more necessary then ever to keep this course open and part of our great city.

It would also be my strong recommendation that the City do everything it can to keep Mr Huber's team in place. He and the team have a great record of service to the city.
Bowie is great - let's keep the proud traditions going.

Thanks again for all you folks at city hall do for us. It is noted and appreciated

Fred Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: John Davenport <jrdaven47@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

As a frequent golfer and a member of the Senior Men's Group playing three times a week at Bowie, I fully support the continued operation of the Bowie Golf Course as a golf course under the current and effective management of Bowie Golf Management and John Huber, PGA.

John Davenport

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: charlesgrnr4@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:30 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I have been a resident of Bowie for 47 years. Bowie Golf course has provided me and my family many years of enjoyment , from playing with friends and family and playing in Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus league with my father for many years. Keeping the same management and finishing the renovations to the clubhouse and cart paths would ensure continued success for the club and citizens of Bowie for many years to come.

Best regards,

Charles Garner

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Evan Davey <e.davey1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Continuing Golf at the Bowie Golf Course

I am a regular annual member at the Bowie Golf Course. As a senior golfer I continue to enjoy being a part of the senior golf group. With membership open to all seniors, I have developed good friendships there. Even in the time of the Covid-19 John Huber and his staff have developed procedures to keep it safe to play golf at Bowie.

I have noted the improvements to the course over the past couple of years and appreciate the City's efforts to make golf at Bowie fun for golfers of all abilities.

I very much hope that Bowie will continue its partnership with John and his group.

Thanks,

Evan Davey
10450 Lottsford Road
Bowie, MD

Awilda Hernandez

From: Larry Crum <cruml@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Dear Sir or Madame:
I am writing in support of keeping the Bowie Golf course open and under the management of John Huber. I have played golf at Bowie for the last 17 years and have found all staff and participants to be cordial and welcoming. As we have lived through parts of the pandemic, having the golf course reopen has been a healthy relief. With so many other local golf courses closing ,I strongly request that Bowie remain to be a golf haven for those of us who have limited outlets for exercise and mental health.
Sincerely,
Larry Crum
410-721-8710

He Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Tiffany Garner <tiffany.garner@pgcps.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:24 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Letter to City Council Members Re: Bowie Golf Course

City Clerk Awilda Hernandez

July 12, 2020

Dear City Council Members.

As you discuss the importance of the Bowie Golf course, please primarily keep in your mind that green open space in the community is essential to the wellbeing of all community members. Along with a wonderful place for me to exercise, the Bowie Golf course provides trees, shrubbery, and well-maintained lawns for an abundance of insects to pollinate and animals to thrive as they leave a positive environmental impact on our community.

An important benefit of the Bowie Golf course is the social and health impact it has had on my life. I am a proud graduate of Bowie High School and a 28-year resident of Bowie, residing in the Northview area. I left for college and returned to raise my family in a strong family-oriented community that meets many diverse needs. My children graduated from Bowie High School and remained local after their college experiences. We have experienced many wonderful celebrations for my husband, their father, at the Bowie Golf course. In the past two years, I have taken up casual games of golf with a group of Bowie women. Recently, we have played the course on a weekly basis. As I engage in a cardiovascular workout, I am able to maintain and further develop relationships while playing the game.

The appearance of the Bowie Golf course from Bowie-Laurel Road is an important environmental aspect to our community. Have you stopped to see the turtles in the pond? Did your blood pressure drop a tad bit as you relaxed into the space? The lush greens and full foliage allow animals to cohabitate with us, which adds value and wonder to the community. Additionally, the expanse of the golf course serves as a break in a fire line if ever there was a hazardous fire catastrophe. The Bowie Golf course is more than just a recreation space.

As elected board members, I encourage you to think about the important benefits the Bowie Golf course has on the Bowie community. Regardless of age or type of player, the social/health aspects and environmental aspects are cornerstones to a stellar community- and that community is the Bowie community.

Respectfully,
Tiffany Garner

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Tiffany M. Garner
Reading Recovery® Teacher Leader/Early Literacy Support Teacher
Reading/English Language Arts K-5
Prince George's County Public Schools

Awilda Hernandez

From: paulhsmith <paulhsmith@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: paulhsmith
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course is Important to its Residents

City of Bowie City Council:

The Council should take all means necessary to keep, maintain and upgrade as much as possible the Bowie Golf Course.

This course serves a very diverse group of golfers who appreciate what the City has done and hopefully will continue to do with and for the Bowie Golf Course. There are seniors, juniors, middle aged, men and women who regularly enjoy the course. A visit there will show what I mean.

With the un-popular closing of Glenn Dale, Patuxent Greens and Cross Creek, Bowie has become even more important to our population. The Course is not something that has to be "Developed". It is there already.

Over the past years John Huber and the City have done an excellent job in managing the facility. We of course do need to continue the path of these improvements that have occurred over the recent years. John Huber has been particularly instrumental in these improvements and in seeing that the cliental that use the course are well served.

With some well thought out major enhancements the course could be an even bigger draw for money-making events and tournaments.

Let's save, preserve and enhance the amenities that are central to Bowie and important to its residents.

Paul and Roberta Smith
Bowie Voting Residents for the past 50 years

Awilda Hernandez

From: Frank L. Rose <flrose32@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Bowie City Council

I am very concerned, shocked and disappointed to hear of the possibility of the City selling the Bowie Golf Course! Bowie provides and maintains recreation facilities for our youth for their enjoyment; and I strongly support that endeavor! However, I believe it is indefensible not to also supply recreational facilities for those at the other end of the age spectrum; our senior citizens and retirees! In fact, I believe the Golf Course can be and also is used by our youth!

The course Bowie Course definitely should not be sold since there are currently no public courses of its size nearby. There is a small course at Crofton; Walden. However, Bowie is big enough to hold major Tournaments and the Crofton Course is not!

When revenue for our City is considered, I believe the Course is a money maker and not a money drain! If we want a winner, we should support keeping the course under the current management! Under the current management, the course is a revenue generator! As previously stated, let the City support the current management and go with a known winner rather than gambling on some other use for the course which could result in a revenue loss for the city.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. I hope it will be found that Bowie keeping the Golf Course under the current management will be in the best interests of the City and all the residents.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Rose
12506 Knowledge Lane
Bowie, MD 20715-2622

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bob Snyder <bobsnyder711@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Please ensure the lease is renewed and the course remains under the control of the current management.
I have been a Bowie citizen for over 40 years. The course provides a much needed respite from all the day to day routines of living in the current pandemic era. Furthermore any development of this property would greatly increase the traffic congestion on Route 197 and have a negative impact on the future of the current members of the city counsel.

R\Bob Snyder

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Awilda Hernandez

From: Tim <twalsh43@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save Bowie Golf Course

Dear Awilda,

I was in shock when I received an email stating the city of Bowie is considering closing Bowie Golf Course. It is my understanding that if the course is closed the land will be used for more housing developments.

I have been a resident of Bowie since 1985, and I have always thought of the Bowie Golf Course (BGC) as a staple of our community much in the same way as the Belair Mansion or the Bowie Racetrack.

I have seen our community population grow at a staggering rate over the years, and now, more than ever, traffic can be a nightmare on routes 301, 450 and 197. All surrounding golf courses in Prince George's County have closed with BGC being the sole survivor. Bowie Golf Course is a huge recreational source to many residents of Bowie and Price George's county.

So please, continue to keep the course going, and please keep John Huber as General Manager. I know that John has dedicated his life to BGC, and it's a shame to see this all end in the name of so called "progress."

Thank you for your time!

Tim Walsh
12839 Holiday Lane
Bowie, MD. 20716

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Clayton Saltsman <claysalt52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

My name is Clayton Saltsman. I have been a resident of Bowie for most of the last 31 year's. I would like to vehemently express my support for any plan to keep the Bowie Golf Course open. I would also like to strongly express my support for the current management team lead by John Huber. Bowie Golf Course has been my favorite course to play over the last 30 years for several reasons. I have always been treated well by Mr Huber and the staff at the course. It is close to home and it is easy for me to play with my friends from the local community. The grounds crew lead by Barry has done a great job of keeping the course in good condition.

I think now would be a particularly bad time to consider closing the Bowie Golf Course. I appreciate the diversity of our community and in recent years I have seen more and more people of all ethnicities playing at the course. I am also greatly encouraged by the number of women and the number of children that I have seen playing at the course in recent years. Clearly this course is providing valuable recreation for the people of our community.

I would also like to mention a couple of other points in support of Bowie Golf Course and the current management. The course provides healthy recreation for a very large number of seniors. It is impressive that the course hosts 3 leagues per week exclusively for seniors. Mr Huber has done a great job of promoting youth golf. The benefits of golf for youth are immeasurable. The game promotes sportsmanship, discipline, good judgement, self control and respect for others. I wish I had learned the game when I was young.

I would also like to highlight recent trends at the golf course to support its continued operation. The course has been very busy recently and it can clearly continue as a profitable operation. Other courses nearby have closed while the demand for golf has stayed strong. The course has been constantly busy since courses in Maryland were allowed to reopen in early May. The recent Covid19 situation has greatly increased the demand for healthy outdoor recreational activities that can be conducted with safe social distancing.

I sincerely believe that closing this course would be a terrible mistake and a huge loss to the Bowie community. Mr Huber is the right man to continue the successful operation of the course. Please do not take this valuable asset away from us.

Sincerely,

Bowie resident and concerned voter.

Clayton R. Saltsman

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bill Schaffer <bill@schaffer.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course Future

I and my Family have lived in the Bowie Area for over 35 Years. I'm sort of a transplant from Saint Louis, Belgium, Ireland, Tanzania (DAR ES Salem) and I'm shocked that you don't realize what a wonderful area you and your forefathers have created in Bowie. There currently is plenty of room for housing so why even consider eliminating your Wonderful Golf Course. Three Public courses have recently closed in this area leaving only Walden as an alternative. Walden is a small course with no possibility of a tournament, Bowie has the potential of growth to an even larger course. The super management of Bowie now makes this course a viable business that can fully grow and become even more lucrative.

You must remember why previous management consolidated such a large area for Bowie and I believe it is because of its location to the Washington DC area. Bowie Golf Course under it's current management can grow ever more expandable and profitable,

We seniors living in this area also need solid ways to exercise regularly. Please keep this beautiful Bowie Golf Course open.

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Bill Schaffer
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Ronnie Tilman <rataww3504@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Golf

It would be a great loss to lose the Bowie Golf Club because it would destroy all the open space that so many residents enjoy. If homes are built where will residents go for open space to enjoy walking and just enjoying this green area. I have been a member of the golf course for many years and it would be a great loss to bowie to destroy this beautiful course. Please vote to safe this special area.

Ronnie tilman

Awilda Hernandez

From: Betty Habershon <habersbx@pgcc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: County Executive Alsobrooks
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Save the Bowie Golf Course

Bowie City Council

Please save the Bowie Golf Course, renew the lease and maintain the current management that has done an outstanding job for over 40 years. The employees have worked hard to support the community and we hope that their jobs are maintained.

Our community needs public facilities that support the health and welfare of all members of our community, especially families.

Family within Prince George's County should have facilities within our county to support our recreational needs.

Sincerely

Betty Habershon,
Ft Washington, MD 20744
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Bennett Garner <garnerbennett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:35 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bennett Garner: Bowie Golf & Country Club

To the council members representing our great City of Bowie,

My name is Bennett Garner and I am 23 years old. I write to you today in reaction to the rumors I've heard about the proposed future for the Bowie Golf & Country Club. While I've heard of proposed options to restructure management for the course, which I am open to learn more about, I am alarmed at the fact that there was a proposal to completely shutdown the course because it's use appeals more to those who reside "outside" of the Bowie community.

Aside from 2018-early 2020 (living in St. Mary's County for employment purposes), I have lived in Bowie for my entire life (since 1996). From my young years to present day, my parents have encouraged me to engage in multiple activities (such as sports, clubs, festivals, and other events in the Bowie community) in an effort to expand my social horizon with people. From playing on the baseball diamond, soccer fields, and basketball courts at Blacksox Park/Allen Pond/Foxhill, to being apart of Youth Leadership of Bowie, and to attending Bowie concerts/festivals at Alllen Pond, I've been able to accomplish the goal of developing friendships because of these opportunities our city has to offer it's citizens.

I believe Bowie Golf & Country Club is no different. It acts as a central resource for people to gather and share a common interest.

I recently moved back to the city of Bowie about 2 months ago because I love this area and the features it provides it's members (one of those features includes having a golf course just 10 minutes away from my house). Since moving back and continuing my passion for golf, I've stimulated the interest of five of my good friends (who all reside in the Bowie area) to pick up the great game of golf. Sure, they might not be the best golfers, but seeing their determination to become better is something you can't put a price on.

Golf is trending in the younger community more than you know, and Bowie Golf Club presents the best of both worlds for younger generations: affordability and quality. Bowie Golf Club is hands down the most affordable course in the nearby area; offering a low value round that provides some challenge and scenic views for golfers of all skill levels to enjoy.

The removal of this course would be saddening to all residents, but really to the ones who are just beginning their young adult lives in this city. People are moving to this city because of it's suburban location, and it's vast variety of businesses to serve the needs of the people.

I appreciate your time reading my thoughts. Thank you for your continued efforts to serve the citizens of this great city in the best possible way.

Very Respectfully,

Bennett Garner

Awilda Hernandez

From: David Stewart <djstewie@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie golf course

Dear sir;

I've lived in Kenilworth section of Bowie for 41 years. I'm voicing my concern of any action to eliminate our local golf course. We have one of the few courses in area as I'm sure you're aware. John Huber and his staff do a great job of running it and keeping it up. The city needs more open space, not less. Thanks, Dave Stewart Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: dutch688 <dutch688@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

I have been living in Bowie and playing Bowie Golf Course for over 40 years and hear rumors that the course will be done away with for development. What a huge mistake that would be for many reasons, least being the elimination of open space and the creation of massive traffic problems.
The current manager (John) and head grounds keeper(Barry), have done a phenomenal job of keeping the course playable and in reasonable condition. I highly recommend that the property remain as a golf course and that John and Barry continue in their current roles.
What a real injustice to the citizens of Bowie if the course is developed.
If you want to discuss this issue in more detail please let me know.

Tom Holland
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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Awilda Hernandez

From: Jessica keigley <jessammi@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:16 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Dear City Council Members,

I've recently heard there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the future of the Bowie Golf Course. I have lived in Bowie for the last 18 years and have just recently taken up golf. Between my husband and I, we are there 2-3 times a week.

Losing the course would be so upsetting to many of us Bowie residents. The course has been an a place to relax and have a little fun, especially these days.

Please also take into consideration that the course is utilized by many of our more active seniors. Bowie takes such good care of our elderly citizens-don't take this away from them!

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Jessica Keigley
M Section

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Christopher Keigley <ckeigley@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:24 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}:

I unserstand there is a meeting in reference to the golf course future. I just wanted to add that my self and several friends that are all residents in bowie play at this course 5 to 6 times per month. Loosimg this course would be heart breaking I am 48 years old raised in bowie. I have played here my whole life. Please consider leaving thimgs the way they are. Change is not always better in our lovely town. Thanks for the consideration. Chris keigley

Awilda Hernandez

From: Rachel Love <rachel_nicole_love@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:33 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

To Whom It May Concern,

I have heard that there is talk regarding closing the Bowie Golf Course and I am asking you to reconsider this decision. This golf course is an attraction for both Bowie residents and members of neighboring communities. This golf course has also been a significant part of my family's history here in Bowie as both my father and grandfather were once staff at the golf course.

I believe this golf course needs to stay as an entertainment option for the community as there are not much things left to do. Housing options around Bowie have become so abundant that it is getting over crowded. If there is talk about turning the golf course land into more housing, I strongly urge you to reconsider.

Thank you,
Rachel Love, City of Bowie Resident

Awilda Hernandez

From: Mark Vogel <bhsbulldog2013@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:52 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie golf course

Hey,
Don't close the golf course.
Thanks

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dan Bieler <danbieler23@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:58 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Club

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you in regard to the discussion around closing the Bowie Golf Club. As a lifetime member of the Bowie community I have golfed regularly at the course for close to 15 years. Though you believe that the course is used by more outsiders than community members, my friends and I have used this course as a haven for great times and making memories. Though there may be a lot of outsiders coming to the club and using it, I know that the local economy benefits from the usage. Restaurants like Old Bowie Town Grille, Chesapeake Grille, Ledo's Pizza, etc. all benefit from tired and hungry golfers eating at their establishments after a long day on the course. Again, as a lifetime member of the community, and active voter in District 2B, Dufour Woolfley's district, I encourage all of you to reconsider closing down the course.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Daniel Bieler

Awilda Hernandez

From: Jay Bieler <matt33dan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:33 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Club

To Whom it May Concern,

I am contacting you today in regard to the discussion surrounding the closure of the Bowie Golf Club. As a father to two sons, all being life time members of the community, we have all used this Club on a multitude of occasions with a variety of different people. Family, friends, peers, coworkers and I have been using this Club as a resident for 40+ years and none of us can imagine the city of Bowie without it. I am currently involved in a league for District of Columbia Firefighters that takes place at the Bowie Golf Club every Tuesday. I know many other firefighters that play in this league that are members of the community that feel the same way. Not only this, I know the league brings money to the local economy. Many of my peers get breakfast at the local Dunkin Donuts', Burger King, and many other places. Local gas stations receive support and restaurants see an increase in foot traffic at least once a week. As an active voter in District 2B, Dufour Woolfley's district, I want you all to be aware of the strong feelings of disagreement your constituents have. I encourage you all to reconsider any plan of action involving the closure of the Bowie Golf Club.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jay Bieler

Awilda Hernandez

From: charlie zibreg <charliez01@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Future of Bowie Golf Course

With the future of Bowie Golf Course (BGC) and the management of the course under review, I would like to share my thoughts with the council. I am a resident of Calvert County and drive 40-50 minutes on average three times a week to play golf at BGC. I do this for a number of reasons. The management of BGC has been in place for years and works well both with the local community and the golf community. During my membership time at BGC, Mr. Huber is customer focused and does everything he can to make sure anyone golfing or renting the facilities receives his undivided attention. In partnership with the City of Bowie and the BGC team, the course has has seen a number of improvements over the last few years. I feel that Mr. Huber has been instrumental in identifying many of the changes and working with the city on a plan to make the improvements. I remain optimistic that additional improvements will make the playing experience even better.

Mr. Huber does everything he can to make everyone's experience at BGC enjoyable. Should the City of Bowie decide to invest in additional improvements to the BGC facility, Mr. Huber is the man you want to work with. If BGC is to remain a mainstay of the community, I would strongly advise keeping Mr. Huber as the manager of BGC.

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Thank you for your time!
Charlie Zibreg
charliez01@hotmail.com

Awilda Hernandez

From: kevin daniels <kdanek@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

SAVE the Bowie Golf Course under the same management

Thanks

Awilda Hernandez

From: Larry Blum <lablum43@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:52 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: RE: Bowie Golf Course

I write you to support continuing the existence of Bowie Golf Course. Three local golf courses have closed in the past year with only two affordable courses available now for the average golfer.

Bowie golf course is now loaded with players everyday so money should not be an issue. John Huber should also continue to run the course.

Larry Blum

President of Senior Golf at Bowie

Awilda Hernandez

From: Hagerty, John <JHagerty@aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf

Hi there, I grew up in Bowie and would love for you to save the golf course. I know there are lots of great supporters of the course and John Huber and team have done a nice job of keeping things going.

Golf is a great community activity and being able to keep an activity like this in Bowie is a great thing.

Providing the financial support necessary to build up the course/club house, John Huber and team can do a great job.

Thanks much.

John Hagerty

Awilda Hernandez

From: Matthew Bieler <matthew.bieler21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:43 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Club

To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that I respectfully disagree with the City of Bowie's consideration to close the Bowie Golf Club. For years and still today, friends, family, and myself have found the golf course as an opportunity for us to come together and share time, building a larger sense of community for our city. Without the golf course, this becomes one less recreational area for members of the Bowie community to come together and partake in fellowship through sport, something that I and many others hold close to heart. With that being said, there are many reasons in which I oppose the closure of the Bowie Golf Club and strongly encourage the city to reconsider the possible decision to close down the course.

Thank you,
Matt Bieler

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July 13, 2020

Bowie City Council,

My name is Gabriella Sinkovic, and my family and I have been proud City of Bowie residents since I was born in 1992. My experience with Bowie Golf Course starts during my high school years at Bowie High School (2006-2010). I am writing this letter to share my love and support for Bowie Golf Course and their PGA Professional, John Huber, and its continued success as a beloved golf course in Bowie.

As I began playing high school golf for Bowie High School, John Huber took me under his wing as my golf instructor and helped me succeed as a strong and vital member of the team by my junior and senior year. I was also asked to work full time at Bowie Golf Course in the summers as outside operations support which actually still continues today when I return home for breaks in my job in Raleigh, NC.

To say that John, the regular members at Bowie Golf Course, and the atmosphere it provides to all that play there has shaped my life is an understatement. I decided to pursue a career path in the golf industry as a PGA Professional and graduated from NC State University with a degree in PGA Golf Management in 2014. Some of my job experiences include TPC Potomac in Potomac, MD, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, OR, Interlachen Country Club in Minneapolis, MN, and the PGA of America Headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Currently I am the Student Services Coordinator for NC State's PGA Golf Management program, hoping to mentor young PGA professionals as John Huber and Bowie Golf Course did for me.

I hate to hear of all the uncertainty around Bowie Golf's future as I truly consider it one of my happiest places to be. The warm, local, "mom & pop" atmosphere it provides to golfers new and old to the game is what makes everyone come back. Not to mention the fun and demanding golf course design.

Because of the loss of so many other local golf courses and especially during the times of COVID-19, Bowie Golf Course is busier and healthier than ever before. Please consider Bowie Golf Course as the historic and beautiful haven for residents that it has come to be. I have no doubt of its success, especially now that John Huber is leading their team. Thank you for listening to my perspective and I hope you make the right decision for the City of Bowie residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-910-3084 or ggsinkovic@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Gabriella Sinkovic

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Student Services Coordinator
PGA Golf Management
NC State University

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Gabriella Sinkovic, PGA

Awilda Hernandez

From: Leslie Davis <imhww@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: recommendations for Bowie Golf Course

A. Hernandez,

John Huber is a terrific guy and the right guy for Bowie Golf Course. So whatever happens, he should remain the "guy"...

Simply, it's always about money/revenue/profit...The Ladies departed from there and started their league at Oak Creek - only to be limited to playing there
because the course was bitten by a bad soil decision, therefore shutting their new course down for an entire year. That same year, the Bowie course was playable, the
entire season (John and the Superintendent knew the right formula). The greens are always in good shape, it's the cosmetics of the cart path, tree roots, not enough
grass along the path - this is because the seniors drive where they please. (suggestion below)

Instead of complaining and leaving, I wish the Ladies league would've pitched in and assisted in making the clubhouse a nicer more appealing place to relax and congregate
after their rounds. Also, am sure there are plenty of vocation guys that could offer their services before the place gets worse - hence this decision as to what to do?

Since it costs money to renovate, etc , my suggestions would be: I believe we need more recreation in Bowie than housing. If this property is going to be used for housing,
I would consider senior/assisted living before family townhomes a/o apartments. (what's the demand)?

With the closing of Glen Dale Golf Course - Bowie will git most of the overflow - as it already has - I would charge more for greens fees (it's fairly cheap to play, certainly
golfers can afford a few more dollars)?

Rope off the areas around the course to keep the carts off to allow the new seeded/patched spots to take hold - this has not been enforced (again cosmetic, but a need)
The greens are in good shape.

Advertise and hire a female pro to entice younger golfers to the course for an experience they may not have even thought of - make it affordable (in case a Family has two
or three kids)

Advertise the scheduled leagues currently playing in hopes of growing them.

Again, I believe Bowie needs more recreation - the decision on the ice rink was costly - cancelling that far along monetarily cost more than tax payers should have to pay -
and the two rink approved contract (for competitive tournaments to come to Bowie (and not have our league have to travel)) was the right way to have created the revenue
originally factored into the approval for it.

If you have not played golf, please go to Bowie Golf Course and meet John. Have him provide you a lesson and give it a shot - it's a great game to learn and Bowie is a
great place to start. It's appears a simple little course, but the greens will challenge you every time.

Regards/
L. Davis
Bowie

Awilda Hernandez

From: Mike Lawlor <htcmpl@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: bill@schaffer.net
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf course

At a time like we are experiencing, the Bowie golf course is a gift from God. John Huber has done a great job managing the course. I am a member of the senior league and look forward to the health benefits and the commoraderie of my fellow competitors. Please keep this course open.
Thank You,
Mike Lawlor

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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July 13, 2020

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Bowie City Council,

First, I would like to commend all of you on your handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and keeping the functions of the City Government running without interruption. I would also be remiss in not recognizing the work that so many of you have done to have peaceful expressions of support and empathy in the wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd.

I am reaching out because I have received overwhelming feedback from our combined constituencies concerning the future of the Bowie Golf Course and its management. As you are aware, our residents are very concerned about overdevelopment in the City and the possible loss of our community feel, charm and open space. In addition, though we have worked together to improve transportation and relieve some of the traffic congestion in the area, our citizens actively engage when both change and development rumors begin to swirl. Accordingly, many are concerned about the future of the Bowie Golf Course.

The Bowie Golf Course serves as a unique community benefit that has been serving our families, seniors and youth for as long as I can remember. When the original owners were approached by a developer, they gave the City the opportunity to match that offer. Those owners knew the community well and understood that this property should remain as an open space. The residents confirmed that by referendum and the City purchased the property. The 20-year bond was paid off without using taxpayer dollars by the group that is currently managing the property. It has been a great deal for the City and our residents.

My family, neighbors and friends have been using the course for over 40 years. My husband and his friends can remember as kids riding their bikes to the course and playing all day. I personally have spent many days dropping off car loads of youth who were always welcome to golf for free as residents of Bowie. In addition to all of the locals that call the course home, we are fortunate to have golfers from all over the region that come here to play. If you look at the license plates in the parking lot we have golfers from Virginia and the District of Columbia as well as those that come from many locations throughout Maryland. Our local golf course has tremendous future potential in the face of the failure or closure for so many others courses.

The other constant to the course is the management of John Huber. John is the face of Bowie golf and why so many people come back to play year after year. Over the years, I have heard stories from my husband, children and friends about the character that John has and his dedication to Bowie and growing the game of golf. John gives a considerable amount of time to ensuring that our local youth have a home at the course which encourages a lifetime of love for the game. He provides unique, personal attention to all our citizens. Our residents feel a sense of home at the course and are not treated as just "customers."

I recognize that in the coming months you will be evaluating the future of the course, its improvement needs and continued management. As you deliberate, I want to share with you the many local voices that have contacted me seeking advocacy and assistance in assuring that the City maintain ownership, oversight and local management with John Huber at the helm.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my recommendations.

Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith
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Annapolis, MD 21401
301-858-3101/410-841-3101

Awilda Hernandez

From: Chris Payne <cjpayne87@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Golf Course

Ms. Hernandez,

I am writing to express support for the Bowie Golf Course to continue under its current management. As an occasional player of the course, it is a valuable and affordable amenity and is distinguished from many other local courses by its community feeling, passionate member base, pragmatic management and diverse customer base. There are many other courses that offer a more high-end experience, but fall short in the delivery of the product. I understand the current management team proposes relatively inexpensive capital improvements that will keep the course in viable playing condition for years to come with limited expense to the City. I support this proposal.

Thank you.

Chris Payne
(703) 969-2583

Awilda Hernandez

From: David Stewart <djstewie1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Fwd: Bowie golf course

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From: David Stewart <djstewie1@verizon.net>
To: ahernandez <ahernandez@cityofbowie.irg>
Sent: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 03:54 PM
Subject: Bowie golf course

I'm writing concerning rumor the city is contemplating closing out golf course. I hope this is not true. I, and many of my friends play there 3-4 times a week. Course is well run by John Huber and his team. I've lived in Bowie for over 40 years and can't imagine turning out course into more housing... All cities change over time, and I've seen plenty, but not all changes are for the better. We older residents need the golf course both for health and recreation. Please help us old folks keep our minds and bodies sharp 😐😕.... Dave Stewart

Awilda Hernandez

From: fnmroman@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:37 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Golf Course

Dear City Council Members:

I would like to express my support for keeping the Bowie Golf Course as open green space land. I am an original owner in Bowie and have seen too much development and increased traffic in my time here. Bowie has grown big enough and is losing its family feel. Please keep the golf course,

Sincerely,

Mary Romanelli

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Christin Vare <directoreec@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Council Letter

Dear Bowie City Council,
I am very pleased to hear about secured funding, specifically identified for Pre-K in our neighboring community. Access to quality early childhood education programming is a mission focus for St. Matthew's EEC, and has been for over 55 years in the Bowie community.
Are there plans for additional collaboration with the already established organizations within our current Bowie community? Holy Trinity, St. Pius, Cornerstone Academy, The Children's Center, and St. Matthew's EEC are just a few of the dedicated educational programs that offer Pre-K in Bowie that have been serving this community for decades.
I look forward to working with our city's leadership on developing inclusive plans that will strengthen the early educational programming in our community to better serve Bowie residents.
Respectfully,
Christin Vare
Director of St. Matthew's Early Education Center

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BOWIE COUNTRY CLUB APPRECIATION LETTER

From

EXCEL GOLF

To: All Parties Associated with The Bowie Country Club

From: Sandy Milligan, Program Director Excel Golf

It is with the most ultimate appreciation I share this letter of recognition with you. Because of the indulgence and support of John Huber and The Bowie Country Club, our involvement in the community and pride of existence continue.

Our story extends some twelve years back with other golf courses who have since closed or repositioned, and as we continue to try and extend opportunity to our youth through golf, Bowie Country Club remains the only constance.

Awilda Hernandez

From: dafowkes@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Closing of Bowie Course.

I for one feel the course should remain open forever. It is a fixture of the community. I know the city owns the course. And I also know that the city could not have lost much money ,if any in the last 40 or 50 years. So I wish you all would consider doing something to keep this course open and operating to serve the community. It is one of the places people can go for fun and excerize.

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