

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: May 14, 2015

1. Bowie Community Center, Acorn Hill Park, and the Demolition of Marketplace
Staff met on-site to review the impacts of the demolition of the Bowie Marketplace Shopping Center on the City-owned properties adjacent to the Center.

Berman Enterprises contacted M-NCPPC recreation leaders and were told M-NCPPC is adjusting the Community Center programming due to the shopping center demolition and construction. To allow M-NCPPC more time to plan for and implement their programming changes, staff worked with Berman Enterprises to provide for the continuation of parking on the Marketplace property through the end of July. That continued parking is depicted in the attached PDF. Additionally, Berman Enterprises repainted crosswalks and handicapped parking spaces on the Stonybrook side of the Community Center.

The demolition also requires the relocation of the bus stop from the Marketplace parking lot onto Stonybrook Drive. One existing bus stop plus three new stops will be placed and operational May 26th. The last day of use for the bus stop on Marketplace is May 22nd. There will be no disruption of bus service. The attached PowerPoint graphics are the bus service change notices WMATA has prepared for posting at the discontinuing stop and inside the Community Center.

The Marketplace parking lot at the end of Sage Lane will remain available to the City for use during the Memorial Day Parade on May 23rd as the dispersing area. After May 23, barriers will be placed to close Sage Lane off from access onto the Marketplace property.

2. Special Exception 4734, Wal-Mart District Council Hearing
On Monday, May 11th the Prince George's County District Council heard oral arguments on Special Exception 4734 for the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter at Mill Branch Crossing. The Zoning Hearing Examiner recommended denial of the application in January, and Wal-Mart's attorney filed an appeal. The case was originally scheduled to be heard on April 13th; however, the attorney for residents in opposition to the Special Exception filed a preliminary motion asking that Council Member Todd Turner recuse himself and that the case be continued until the City and County provided documents responsive to a Maryland Public Information Act (PIA) request. At Monday's hearing, Attorney Macy Nelson, representing residents of Mill Branch Road, submitted written

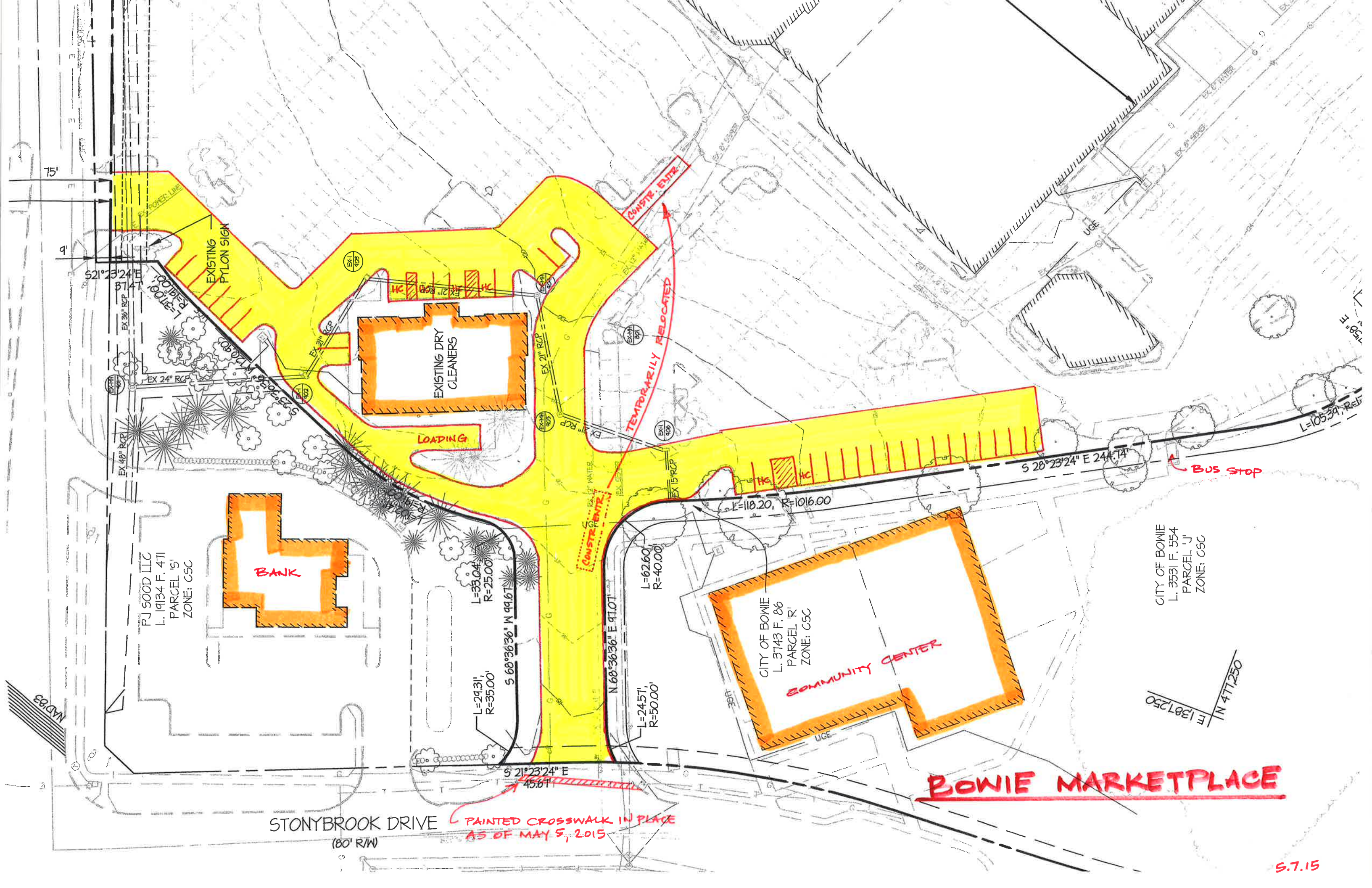
documents obtained from the PIA request for the record and asked the District Council to consider whether Council Member Turner should recuse himself, based on his prior actions on the application when Mr. Turner was a member of the Bowie City Council. People's Zoning Counsel Stan Brown queried Council Member Turner regarding the allegation of conflict and Council Member Turner determined that he was eligible to participate in the hearing.

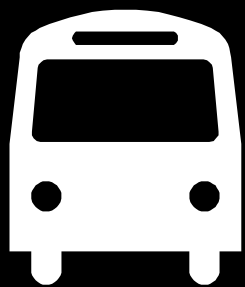
Attorney Andre Gingles, the City's Planning Director, and Mrs. Helen Simms of Pin Oak Village spoke in favor of the Special Exception. Mr. Gingles reiterated his opposition to the Hearing Examiner's decision. Attorney Macy Nelson, Mr. Michael Terry, Mr. John Trussell and Mr. Andrew Bottner spoke against the Special Exception request. At the conclusion of the hearing, People's Zoning Counsel Brown opined that, in his view, the Hearing Examiner had erred in citing the 2002 General Plan throughout her decision when in fact the County had approved an amended General Plan (Plan Prince George's 2035). Mr. Brown also noted his view that the Special Exception application fails to satisfy one of the key criteria for approval: that the Special Exception site has frontage and direct vehicular access to an existing arterial roadway (i.e. US 301). (As presently configured, the Special Exception area does not.) County Council Member Karen Toles asked several questions about why Wal-Mart could not expand at their current location. Council Member Mary Lehman stated her concern with large stores and her lack of enthusiasm for Special Exceptions, in general. Council Member Turner then asked that the case be taken under advisement. The District Council has until June 22, 2015 to make a decision or the application is automatically denied.

3. City Election

Councilmember Woolfley filed his candidacy paperwork on May 12th for an At-Large Council seat.

Attachments





Stop Discontinued Parada Suspendida

Metrobus Routes B22, B24, B25
Rutas de Metrobus B22, B24, B25

Effective Tuesday May 26, 2015

A partir del martes, 26 de mayo de 2015:

The WMATA/ Metro bus stop behind the Bowie Community Center will be discontinued due to a long term construction project at Bowie Marketplace.

La parada de Metrobus detrás de Bowie Community Center será suspendida debido a un proyecto de construcción de largo plazo en Bowie Marketplace.

For bus service, please use these stops:

Para acceder al servicio de autobuses, favor de usar:

- **Stonybrook Drive & Shawmont Lane southbound (*dirección sur*)**
 - **B22- New Carrollton Station**
- **Stonybrook Drive & Shawmont Lane northbound (*dirección norte*)**
 - **B22- Bowie State**
- **Stonybrook Drive & Sussex Lane northbound (*dirección norte*)**
 - **B22- Bowie State; B24, B25- New Carrollton Station**
- **Stonybrook Drive & Sussex Lane southbound (*dirección sur*)**
 - **B22- New Carrollton Station; B24, B25- Bowie Park and Ride**

Community Center



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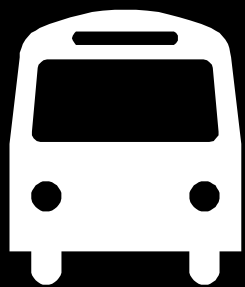
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Plaza Ln & Sage Ln, #3002058



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Detour *Desvío*

Metrobus Routes B24, B25 ***Rutas de Metrobus B24, B25***

Effective Tuesday May 26, 2015

A partir del martes, 26 de mayo de 2015:

Routes B24 and B25 will detour, and skip this stop, due to a long term construction project at Bowie Marketplace.

Las rutas B24 y B25 se desviarán, y saltarán esta parada, debido a un proyecto de construcción de largo plazo en Bowie Marketplace.

Route B22 will continue to stop here.

La ruta B22 seguirá sirviendo a esta parada.

For bus service, please use these stops:

Para acceder al servicio de autobuses, favor de usar:

- **Stonybrook Drive & Sussex Lane northbound (dirección norte)**
 - **B24, B25- New Carrollton Station**
- **Stonybrook Drive & Sussex Lane southbound (dirección sur)**
 - **B24, B25- Bowie Park and Ride**

Stonybrook Dr & Shawmont Ln #3002055



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