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City Council Seeks Help in Shaping Bowie's Future

Do you have thoughts about where the Bowie City government should be headed? This spring, the City Council is developing a strategic plan to guide its work over the next three to five years and is looking for input from the community. Two community meetings will be held in March to obtain advice and ideas from residents about Bowie's future.

Community meetings will be held on:

- Saturday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Dr.
- Thursday, March 17, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Pointer Ridge Elementary School, 1110 Parkington La.

The City of Bowie's strategic plan is being formulated with the help of a consultant who specializes in working with local governments. The final product will include goals to help the Council decide where to focus its attention and City resources. It will also include development of measurable objectives and tactics to help the City achieve its goals. Community input is critical to this process. The City Council last adopted a Strategic Plan in 2005. The goals at that time included enhanced police services, no school enrollments over 100% of capacity, and controlled annexation.

Assistant City Manager John Fitzwater, who is coordinating the Strategic Plan development process for the City said, "We encourage residents to attend one of the community sessions to share thoughts about actions the City should consider over the next several years to make Bowie an even greater place to live, work, and do business."

The City is also in the process of developing a sustainability plan to ensure that it moves forward in an environmentally responsible, economically fair manner. A community meeting to solicit input on that process was held on February 13th. The sustainability plan and the strategic plan will be two separate documents and are being developed in separate processes; however it is expected that the two plans will be complementary and that sustainability goals will be incorporated into the City's overall Strategic Plan.

For more information about the upcoming meetings or the process of developing the strategic plan for Bowie, please contact John Fitzwater, Assistant City Manager at 301-809-3075.

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