

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: February 23, 2017

1. Stakeholders Meeting – BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse

On Thursday, February 16th, a Stakeholders Meeting was held for a proposed restaurant/brewhouse in the Bowie Town Center, on the site of the existing/vacant Sears Auto Center. The applicant, BJ’s Restaurants, Inc., is proposing to demolish the existing auto center building, and construct a 7,522 sq. ft./233-seat freestanding restaurant in the same location. (Beer will not be brewed at this facility.) Attendees at the meeting included several members of the developer’s team and City staff. While no residents attended the meeting, Mr. Carl Smith, from the Prince George’s County Conference & Visitors Bureau, was present. From his perspective, Mr. Smith was pleased to see an establishment of this type coming to Bowie. He characterized Bowie as a “forward-thinking community”, and noted his office would be willing to assist the applicant, if need be.

This Specific Design Plan revision will be heard by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on Tuesday, March 23rd, and by the City Council on Monday, April 3rd.