

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 23, 2017

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1. Tree Planting Workshop on April 1st

A City of Bowie Tree Planting Workshop is being held on April 1st from 1-2 p.m. at Patuxent Nursery located at 2410 Crain Highway. Bowie residents will be able to learn about the 11 species of trees recommended for this area that also qualify them for a \$50 and/or \$100 rebate if they are a City resident. Also, attendees will be able to learn about best practices in tree planting. Those interested should register at www.bowietreeworkshop.eventbrite.com.

2. Bowie Marketplace Residential Detailed Site Plan #17002

Last Friday, the Detailed Site Plan for the residential component of Bowie Marketplace was accepted by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for processing. The plan includes 225 multi-family apartment units in the open area behind the existing retail center. On January 3rd, City Council reviewed the Detailed Site Plan and recommended approval of a multifamily development in three stories for the portion of the building facing existing single-family detached homes on Scarlett Lane and four stories for the remaining building, not to exceed 225 dwelling units, of which 20% are age-restricted units. The City Council's public review process for residential units at Bowie Marketplace, called for by the recorded Development Agreement, concluded with the January 3rd action. The Council's position will be communicated to the Prince George's County Planning Board, which is expected to review the case in the next few months.

3. Belt Woods Management Plan Stakeholders Meeting

On Tuesday, City staff attended a Stakeholders meeting held by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Park Service (MPS) regarding the management plan for Belt Woods. Numerous environmental groups attended, as well as City residents Gary Allen and Dennis Brady. The major concerns expressed by stakeholders included the use and potential environmental degradation of public hunting to control the deer population and what level of future public access to the property is appropriate, given the sensitive environmental features present on the site. A draft management plan document was

distributed and reviewed by MPS. Some refinement to the draft document is expected to occur as a result of the discussion. Stakeholders were encouraged to send any additional comments by April 21, 2017.

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