

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: November 13, 2014

1. Neighborhood Watch Programs in Bowie

At the October 20th Police update, Council asked how much of the City is covered by Neighborhood Watch programs. Staff looked at this issue and this is a very hard percentage to nail down with any accuracy. If we look at this strictly by HOAs, we currently have 52 Neighborhood Watch groups out of 89 that are associated with HOAs. That would be 58%. This figure leaves out the 14 Neighborhood Watch groups that are not associated with HOAs. It is also tough to figure strictly by neighborhood because we have some watches that are only a few streets that have banded together and do not represent the entire section. Therefore, the above analysis is about as close as we can get without spending considerable additional time refining this analysis.

2. Prince George's House Delegation

The 23-member group selected its leaders for the upcoming year at a meeting last week. Delegate Jay Walker was chosen as Chair. Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith was selected as First Vice-Chair, and Delegate Michael Vaughn was chosen as Second Vice-Chair.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC met Wednesday and continued discussion about issues surrounding Bowie's market competitiveness. Ms. Chiang-Smith and Mr. Ahearn facilitated a SWOT analysis. A sample of Bowie's Strengths from that SWOT: fiscally sound, central location, established community, a sustainable community, moderate to high income levels, executive housing, and good public safety. Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats were also listed. EDC will continue to examine competitiveness over the coming months. The next regular EDC meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.