

**City of Bowie  
Financial Advisory Committee**

**Regularly Scheduled Meeting February 6th, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The FAC members discussed results of surveys gathered during Bowie International Festival 2018, Sears Parcel redevelopment plans, and the FAC proposed education program. Slides summarizing survey results will be presented to council at an upcoming meeting.

1. **Call To Order:** At 7:11 pm. The Chair called the meeting to order in the Bowie City Hall, 5901 Excalibur Rd, Bowie, MD 20716.
2. **Roll Call.**
  - a. A quorum was established with the following members in attendance:
    - i. Muzar Jah, Secretary
    - ii. Meglan Knights
    - iii. Tiffany Lightbourn
    - iv. William Olukoya
    - v. Patricia Peterson, Chair

Mr. H. Byron Matthews, Director, Bowie Finance Department and Staff Liaison to the Financial Advisory Committee, was in attendance.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved and submitted minutes of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.
4. **Introductions:** None
5. **Unfinished Business :**
  - a. Budget Topic Summaries
6. **New Business:**
  - a. Sears Redevelopment  
W. Olukoya and P. Peterson attended the Stakeholder's meeting held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, and provided summary to the members. Mixed-use (residential, small retail, open area, etc.) is planned for the area. Development requires permit which typically takes approximately 2 years to be granted by the state. Permit has not yet been granted. FAC members will continue to track the issue.
  - b. Survey Results  
T. Lightbourn provided slides summarizing the results from the City of Bowie international Festival 2018 survey. The summary is in a slide

deck, provided in a separate attachment. It was suggested this slide deck could be a budget education resource.

Decisions: Present slide deck at a Council Meeting, targeting March 2019 date. Expand background information and conclusion.  
Clarify phrase "local economy" if used in future surveys.

- c. Education Program  
P. Peterson sent survey and information packet to Regina Moore at Bowie High School. Ms. Moore will distribute to business and financial classes and clubs. The deadline for respondents is March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Budget  
M. Jah and M. Knights Budget topic presentations moved to March 2019 meeting.
- e. Other Topics;  
There is a group working towards obtaining an Arts & Entertainment district designated by Maryland in the Old Bowie area.

Indoor Court Facility feasibility study process is continuing.

FAC meeting dates are not showing up on website.

**Actions:**

- a. Check website and work to get meeting dates displayed: H. Byron Matthews
- b. Place FAC on agenda to present survey slides to Council on 3/4/2019: H. Byron Matthews
- c. Provide final slides to H.B. Matthews by 2/28/2019: T. Lightbourn
- d. Present assigned budget topics on 3/6/2019-M.Jah, M. Knights

7. **The Committee adjourned** at 8:04 pm.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next regular Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Financial Advisory Committee, City of Bowie, Maryland, on 3/6/2019

  
Muzar A. Jah (Secretary), FAC Member