

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Sharon Brown, Peter Myo Khin, Curtis Watkins, Frederick Stichnoth, Faustina Smith-Neil, Fisseha Adugna, Jerold Samet, Samantha Blizzard, Len Newman, Roy Chavera.

**Guest Present:** Martin P LePore, Rob Richardson, Ben Miller, Margaret Poore, Harriet Quinn, Frank Cockrell, Mark Doore, Bob Bartol, Peter Fosselman, Ken Flemmer, Lee Yaffe-Stark, Mara Parker, Pat Tyser, John Reed, Ed Weiler, Mark Pharaoh, Lenda Dincer, Eileen Finnegan, Dan Wilhelm, Brian Anleu.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Chiffon Smith

**Citizens' Forum:** Issues/comments received from citizens included –medical assistance for undocumented people/who pays their bills when they go to the hospital? Free/expanded summer/day camps in East County this summer, support needed for Maydale programming-weed warriors, MCPS budget burdens due to illegal immigrants and class sizes, general overview of the county budget.

**Special Guest Presentation: Gary Erenrich Director, Acting Director,** Montgomery County Department of Transportation: presentation highlighted the MCDOT's transportation related projects/activities in East County. Key points discussed included.

- The Transportation development policies related to existing and proposed Transportation Impact Tax, TPAR and LATR for the US 29 and other corridors and intersections
- LATR intersections-criticisms, proposed pro-rata LATR fee (intersection by intersection analysis and developer share/fee in the White Oak CIP based on trips generated
- The White Oak Transportation Study-scope (61 intersections), implementation, interchanges -Stewart, Tech/Industrial, Fairland/Musgrove, Greencastle, Blackburn
- US 29 BRT Corridor Planning Study-activities and conceptual alternatives, traffic simulations, public outreach-corridor advisory committees, the US29 BRT draft preliminary purpose and need statement-goals and objectives, existing conditions and problem definitions, County executive's proposed \$6.5 million funding in the capital budget
- US 29 Corridor details-ridership for the BRT, right of way, bi-county project-Montgomery and Howard
- TIGER grant application-due in April, requires 20% local match, letters of support needed

**Approval of Meeting Summary** – The March 2, 2016 meeting summary was approved.

**East County Regional Services Center Director's Report:** Jewru Bandeh provided a brief report with a handout highlighting:

- The Washington Adventist Hospital March 7, 2016 ground breaking ceremony
- Announced closing of the Briggs Chaney Safeway Store, May 31, 2016
- Collaboration to expand summer programming opportunities in East County
- Update on the Viva White Oak GDA negotiations with Percontee
- 2016 National Night Out date is August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The East County Food Summit-April 27, 2016

**Chair's Report: Anthony Ramirez remarks included:**

- The Chair represented the ECCAB at the annual 2016 County Boards Commissions and Committees meeting with the County Executive

**Police Commander/Council Staff Updates: Updates highlighted:**

- Update on the Castle Boulevard homicide case-still under investigation
- Dino Drive rental property used for parties-created alcohol related problems
- Six new police officers completed training and out on assignments
- MCPD is up staffing-additional officials assigned to Briggs Chaney
- Crime report by area/category
- National Night Out-August 2nd
- The (State) Sick Leave Bill passed
- The Student Loan Refinance Bill proposal moving on well
- Maydale nature center reprogramming funding support
- Scheduled operating budget public hearings
- Council sessions-deer management

**Committee Reports**

- **Planning and Economic Development Committee:** Brief mention of ZTA 16-03, Bed & Breakfast- Draft letter to be circulated before submitting it to County Council/County Executive
- **Quality of Life/Services Committee** –The committee will host the County Commission for Women as part of its County wide regional listening tour

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Announcements:** The President/CEO has been invited as guest speaker for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.