

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Marya Ford, Fatmata Barrie, Peter Myo Khin, Curtis Watkins, Frederick Stichnoth, Faustina Smith-Neil, Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Jerold Samet, Teddy Wu, Melissa Daley, Samantha Blizzard, Erik Amick, Anthony Ramirez, Len Newman, Jeremiah Pope, Roy Chavera

Guest Present: Lee Yaffe-Stark, Carol Shivers, Jean Martin, Phillip Baltimore, Bernie Karns, Ed Weiler, Mark Pharaoh, Margaret Poore, Renee Katz, Claire Rupert, Jerry Rupert, Lenda Dincer, Sebastian Smoot, Dan Wilhelm, Rob Richardson, Frank Cockrell, Commander Marcus Jones, Lt John Fitzgerald, Det. Wayne Cummings, Lashelle Wilson

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh, Chiffon Smith

Citizens' Forum: Issues/comments received from citizens included- Overcrowding in homes and interactions with MCDHCA; ECCAB and Office of Councilmember Tom Hucker's assistance in addressing traffic and other community issues for Calverton; Request to ECCAB for support for reprogramming for Maydale Nature Center-support letter to County Council for PHED Committee.

Special Guest Presentation: Marcus Jones, Commander, Montgomery County Department of Police 3rd District: presentation highlighted most current crime statistics and public safety concerns for the 3rd District, including:

- Introduced Police Officers John Fitzgerald, Wayne Cummings and Lashelle Wilson from MCPD 3rd District/ IDA Sector
- Crime comparison statistics for the Number of Incidents, 2014 and 2015 as related to minor Assaults (arson), Vandalism (weapons), Narcotics Drug Laws (sale/manufacturing, possession and use), Family Offence, Juvenile (disorderly conduct), DUI and all other criminal offences.
- Crime investigation closure rates, 2014 and 2015
- Update on crime and police activities by community – Briggs Chaney, White Oak, Burtonsville, etc. Focus on areas experiencing increases- burglaries, auto break-ins, gangs
- Coordination efforts to fighting crime/police activities with neighboring jurisdictions-Howard and Prince George's Counties
- Update on Gang activities/Police intervention in communities and schools, School Resource Officers and federal partners
- The decentralized Community Action Team (DCAT) functions, relationship with Police
- Focus on chop shops
- Spray painting incidents in Calverton
- Police community engagement activities-community patrols, youth sports activities, National Night out events, etc.
- Presentation followed by a general question and answer session

Approval of Meeting Summary – The December 2, 2015 meeting summary was approved.

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

- Montgomery College annual report
- Approval of Washington Adventist Hospital Certificate of Need by the Maryland State Health Commission
- ECCAB vacancies and recruitment efforts

Chair's Report: Anthony Ramirez remarks included:

- He welcomed back Roy Chavera to the ECCAB

Council Staff Updates: Updates highlighted:

- Commission on Common Ownership/HOAs- operational structure, dispute resolution/arbitration
- Maydale related concerns –community support for reprogramming and funding request through Parks/County Council.
- ZTA 16-03: Land Use related to Bed & Breakfast (introduced by Hans Riemer)- public hearing on March 8th
- OLO report on Two Generations of Poverty to the Council Education committee
- Collaborated efforts made to have MCPS open up a school in East County to feed students during the recent snow storm

Committee Reports

- **Planning and Economic Development Committee:** Brief update on the committee's focus on identifying ways to increase more assistance/resources for small businesses.
- **Quality of Life/Services Committee** – Finalizing FY 2017 Budget Priorities from last committee meeting and community-at large survey

Old Business:

- The ECCAB Chairman thanked members for their efforts on letter to the County Executive regarding the East County Fireworks request
- Recognition of Labquest and its members for their efforts/support for the WAH relocation application

New Business:

- ECCAB (both committees) sponsored community meeting for the Affordable Mixed-Use Senior Housing to be built on the ECRSC parking lot, March 10, 2016 at the ECRSC at 7:00 pm.
- Post snow storm community feedback/assessment- County Response

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.