

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

Wednesday, March 2, 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, Anthony Ramirez, Len Newman.

Guest Present: Bernie Karns, Mensah Madjogah, Peter Fosselmen, Ken Flemmer, Pat Tyser, Harriet Quinn, Michelle Ngwafen, T. Wilkins, Ed Weiler, Mark Pharaoh, Lenda Dincer, Dan Wilhelm, Frank Cockrell, Brian Anleu

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh, Chiffon Smith

Citizens' Forum: Issues/comments received from citizens included – Resident having a problem with County Police report on crime and procedure for handling complaints and citizen involvement in Colesville; issue related to questionable daycare operations in townhouses; need for expanded summer/day camps in East County, including academic enhanced program.

Special Guest Presentation: Cherri Branson, Director, Montgomery County Department of Procurement: presentation highlighted the department's reorganization, programs and services and processes for doing business with the county. Key points discussed included

- The current organizational structure and staffing patterns
- Emphasis on transparency and accountability – using performance measures/benchmarks
- Providing renewed/stronger focus on the Business Relations and Compliance functions, including enforcement efforts
- Streamlining and enhancing the solicitation process, including debriefing sessions provided to vendors
- Revamping the proposal Qualifications Selection Committee and contract renewal processes
- Creating pools and new ways of using re-qualified vendors for small and large projects
- Intensive and regular training provided to departmental contract administrators
- Legal and effective ways for the use of sole-source contract services
- Placing stronger focus on timeliness in contract processing, from start to finish
- Department has a weekly newsletter
- Department working with minority chambers of commerce to do outreach and promote community engagement
- Presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Approval of Meeting Summary – The February 3, 2016 meeting summary was approved.

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

- The mixed-use affordable senior housing development on the ECRSC/government parking lot-community meeting and comments
- Update on the Rapid Transit System (RTS) Corridor Advisory Committee North activities

- Washington Adventist Hospital ground breaking on March 7, 2016, 10 am
- Members reminded to complete and submit reimbursement forms
- ECCAB vacancy announcement and recruitment process.

Chair's Report: Anthony Ramirez remarks included:

- The Chair thanked members for their feedback on the FY 17 budget recommendation letter
- Reiterated meeting start time and keeping to the meeting time and allocated time schedule

Council Staff Updates: Updates highlighted:

- The proposed Executive transportation (BRT) budget is subject to council approval
- Council is working on a bill to ban tanning for minors
- The liquor control bill will be shelved until next year, as more research is needed
- Student loan refinancing bill was approved
- Council public meeting on snow response will be held on March 8, 2016

Committee Reports

- **Planning and Economic Development Committee:** Brief mention/discussion on ZTA 16-03, Bed & Breakfast
- **Quality of Life/Services Committee** –The committee will host the County Human Rights Commission at its next meeting. The ECRSC Director talked briefly about proposed parking needs for the ECRSC and other county services as related to the proposed senior housing development.

Old Business:

- Brief discussion on the ECCAB letter to the County Executive regarding supporting an annual Fireworks event in East County. The County is still exploring ways to keep the event in its mid county location. A brief statement was made on the progress of the General Development Agreement between the County and Percontee for the Site II-Viva White Oak. The negotiations are still ongoing.

New Business:

- The ZTA 16-03 (Bed and Breakfast) will be taken up by the Planning and Economic Development Committee for a recommendation to ECCAB
- Suggestion for ECCAB to take on a community adopt-a-road project
- Mention of enterprise zone application for the Burtonsville shopping center area

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.