**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday February 5, 2014**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Peter Myo Khin, Erik Amick, Fatmata Barrie, Samantha Blizzard, Roy Chavera, Marya Ford, Alison Praisner-Klumpp, David Kochanski, Allan Mulligan, Len Newman, Anthony Ramirez, Jerry Samet, Teddy Wu.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Anita Mwalui.

**Guests:** Casey Anderson, Commissioner, Montgomery County Planning Commission, Nancy Sturgeon, Master Planner Supervisor, Eric Graye, Master Planner Supervisor, Montgomery County Planning Department, Ed Weiler, Pat Brenan, Barry Wides, Fred Stichnoth, Eileen Finnegan, Dan Wilhelm.

**Guest (Casey Anderson, Nancy Sturgeon and Eric Graye) Presentation and Dialogue with the Board covered**:

* Overview of the Master Plan area, opportunities and challenges.
* Proposed development and zoning.
* Land use supported by transit- challenges related to land use-transportation balance.
* Rapid Transit System corridors serving the WOSG master plan area as described in the transit Corridors Functional Master Plan-Bus Rapid Transit conceptual alignments-Route 29.
* Issues related to NADMS (non-auto driver mode share).
* Issues related to transportation infrastructure/mitigation strategies.
* Financing mechanisms for required/propose transportation infrastructure.
* There were concerns about why East County is treated differently from other areas when it comes to development.
* ECCAB business representative also talked about the negative impact of building interchanges at Tech Road and Route 29-area will serve as quick pass- through.

**Director’s Report:**

* A written report was provided to the board, main highlights included:
* Cherri Branson appointed to fill the vacant District 5 seat.
* East County Small Business I&R Summit on February 19, 2014 at the ECRSC.
* The 2013 East County Leadership Summit Report completed and distributed.

**Chair’s Report**

* Welcome Erik Amick, newest ECCAB appointed member, representing the business sector.
* Board support needed for the small business I&R summit on February 19
* ECCAB Chair testimony on the WOSG Master Plan at County Council February 4th public hearing.

**Council Staff Updates -** None

**Committee Reports**

* Brief report on the joint committees (QL/SI and ZPI) sponsored public briefing on the WOSGMP held at the ECRSC.
* Highlighted key points from the briefing on the WOSGMP.
* Committees will each develop short/mid-term agenda for upcoming meetings.
* The Quality of Life/Social Issues committee is sponsoring the EC Small Business Summit to be held February 19. A committee member is on the planning team.

**Old Business -** None

**New Business**

* The East County Small Business I &R Summit will be held on February 19 at the ECRSC.
* The Council’s PHED committee will begin reviewing the WOSG master Plan on March 3, 2014.
* Interest in having a tour of East County by ECCAB members.

**Announcements**

* Leonard Newman announcement-Volunteer Fire dept will be holding a blood drive on 2/17 at Saint Andrews Church.

**Adjournment:** at 9:10 p.m**.**