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

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Peter Myo Khin, Erik Amick, Ian Swain, 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:** David Sears and Karla Silvestre-Montgomery College, OACE, Ed Weiler, Mark Moore, Mark Pharaoh, Harriett Quinn, Eileen Finnegan, Dan Wilhelm, Mara Parker

**Citizen’s Forum**

* A question was asked as to when the next IDA Sector Police meeting with the community will take place.
* Comments were made regarding the need for the County to reevaluate its trash collection contract and process to ensure efficiency, full utilization of all crew members on a shift and prevent/eliminate trash spills on streets.

**Guests (David Sears and Karla Silvestre, Montgomery College, Office of Advancement and Community Engagement) Presentation and Dialogue with the Board covered**:

* Guests began their presentation with data – enrollment, programs, student profiles and distribution.
* The guests presented Montgomery College’s performance metrics, mission of the Community Engagement Centers, partnerships and goals of the proposed East County/ECRSC site…turning the college inside-out into a college town and a community academic center.
* Montgomery College proposes to begin pilot programs, including classes and services that are in high demand at various levels of the academic/workforce preparation/certificate attainment spectrum by fall semester (2014)-ESOL, citizenship classes, distance learning, workforce development/career development, etc as part of mid-long term goals.
* Help strengthen the civic infrastructure of East County by helping bolster the ECRSC (program site) into a vibrant community hub with strong connections to the network of service providers and businesses in the area.
* Provide on-site program staff dedicated to center programs and events.
* Provide community events in collaboration with the ECRSC, community service providers and partners.
* Promoting community/grassroots outreach and community engagement.
* Incorporate workforce development/employment education programming and services.
* Entertained a number of questions from board members and other attendees.
* Montgomery College will use focus groups (in coordination with ECRSC Director) within East County to further identify community needs and promote their buy-in.

**Director’s Report:**

* A written report was provided to the board, main highlights included:
* .The East County Small Business Resource and Information Summit was very successful-79 attended, including the County Executive, Congressman John Sarbanes, Steve Silver, Director, MCDED and Jane Redicker, President of the GSS Chamber of Commerce.
* Update on the Paint Branch/Old Columbia Pike traffic study/progress.
* Update on the new traffic light under construction at Briggs Chaney and Gateshead Manor.
* Update on the County Council directive to conduct/redo a White Oak SG Master Plan transportation analysis.

**Chair’s Report** - None

**Council Staff Updates**

* The Zoning Ordinance Re Write was approved. Newly appointed Councilmember Branson abstained.
* The Council unanimously approved the Ten Mile Creek Plan.
* The Council PHED committee scheduled meetings on the WOSG Master Plan (to have started in early March) was put on hold. A new traffic modeling/study will be conducted. Council anticipates picking up discussions on the Plan sometime this summer.

**Committee Reports**

* The Quality of Life/Social Issues committee did not meet due to bad weather. The members are interested in getting a brief report on feedback for the Small Business I&R Resource Summit.
* The QL/SI committee will meet and serve as the first focus group for the Montgomery College East County initiative
* The Zoning, Planning and Infrastructure committee met to outline an agenda to serve as monthly topics for discussion. Areas of interest to the committee included - developments in Hillandale (Labor College, HOC), WOSG Master Plan, Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center, Washington Adventist Hospital relocation to White Oak, Hillandale Local Park Development Plan, MC-DHCA shopping centers façade/improvement projects, vacant commercial properties in East County.

**Old Business –** The BCC meeting with the County Executive has been rescheduled to April 3rd.

**New Business -** None

**Announcements**

* The ECRAB meeting will be held in conjunction with the PTA. The presentation on the Hillandale Local Park Plan will be made.

**Adjournment:** at 8:50 p.m**.**