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

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road

Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present**: Peter Myo Khin, Fatmata Barre, Tamika Bennett, Samantha Blizzard, Marya Ford, Alison Praisner-Klumpp, Allan Mulligan, Len Newman, Anthony Ramirez, Jerold Samet, Ian Swain.

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

**Guests**: Lesly Valentin, Mensah Adjagah, Mara Parker, Mark Doore, Evan Glass, Harriett Quinn, Tom Ayward, Ed Weiler, Dale Tibbitts, Dan Wilhelm, Mark Pharaoh, Eileen Finnegan.

**Citizens Forum:**

* Dan Wilhelm – District 5 interim council seat contender from Colesville introduced himself and spoke about his background and community involvement since 1979, and is currently involved in the Rapid Transit Work Group.
* Dale Tibbitts – Chief of Staff for Councilmember Marc Elrich, also a contender for District 5 seat, introduced himself and talked about his community involvement including living in downtown Silver Spring and is treasurer of a Silver Spring civic association.
* Evan Glass – Candidate for District 5 primary election introduced himself and his affiliations, including serving as chair of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board.
* Ed Weiler applauded Pepco for a job well done during a major power blowout caused by an accident in his neighborhood-an individual drove over a lot of mailboxes and has hit a power transformer on New Years day. Pepco responded promptly, cleaned up the mess quickly and efficiently.

**Presentation:**

* Chris Voss – Director of the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management/ Homeland Security (OEMHS.) made a 45 minute presentation on emergency preparedness and management, followed by questions and answers. Highlights of his presentation included:
	+ Power restoration and priorities for response during emergencies (hospitals, 911 call center, water treatment plants, nursing homes, correctional facilities and so on)
	+ Emergency preparedness programs and emergency support functions
	+ Montgomery County emergency operations plan
	+ County emergency coordination organizational structure
	+ Inside preparation/Preparation guide (multilingual)
	+ Emergency Alert tools available to residents
	+ The department has strike teams consisting of law enforcement, Pepco, and fire and rescue to respond when necessary.
	+ Emergency shelters are open during emergencies-they are safe and adequately staffed. There is also an ability to transfer patients with critical care needs during emergencies.

**Minutes:**

* The December 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Director’s Report:**

* A handout with the specifics was provided to the board. Other major items presented included:
* District 5 interim seat application process has closed. Interviews will take place starting on January 17, 2014 and the selection will be made on January 28th.
* The ECCAB members were again reminded their entitlement to reimbursement for travel and childcare. Member can contact the ECRSC Director for appropriate forms and assistance if needed.
* The terms for four board positions will end in March 2014. Application to the Office of County Executive for reappointment is required.
* There are currently three board vacancies due to resignations. One may be filled in February 2014.
* The County Executive’s FY15 Operating Budget Forum is scheduled for January 16, 2014 at the ECRCS at 7:00 PM.

**Chair’s Report:**

* The ECCAB Chair attended the Mid County Citizens Advisory Board’s meeting recently to hear a discussion on the BRT by Councilmember Marc Elrich.
* The County Executive will be here on January 16, 2014 to discuss the FY15 Operating Budget.

**Council Staff Update:**

* There will be an interim person selected on January 28 to fill the District 5 vacancy.
* Interviews will be as follows: January 17th at 2:00 PM, January 22nd at 2:00 PM, January 24th at 2:00 PM.
* Council work session will take place on the morning of January 14th and 15th and a full day on the 16th.
* CIP hearing will take place on February 5, 2014 at 1:30 and 7:30 PM, and on the 6th at 7:00 PM.
* The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan public hearing will take place on February 4th at 7:30 PM in the County Office Building in Rockville...

**Quality of Life/Social Issues Committee:**

* IDA Sector Police meeting with community residents was held in December.
* The next committee meeting will take place next week at 7:00 PM.

**Zoning, Planning and Infrastructure Committee:**

* Meetings will resume next Monday.
* Awaiting schedule on the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan from the Planning Board and County Council before holding a community briefing session

**Old Business:**

* Jewru will follow-up with an update on the East County small business information and resource fair summit to be held in February 2014.

**New Business:**

* None

**Announcements:**

* The members would like to organize a tour of East County, to include FDA site, proposed BRT Stations, Washington Adventist Hospital new site and Burtonsville Centers.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.