



## **EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (ECCAB)**

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### **Summary of the Wednesday, April 5, 2023 ECCAB Meeting**

**Members Present:** Peter Myo Khin, Larry Edmonds, Mark Pharaoh, Roberta Goldberg Dawn Hill, Rachael Evans, Fisseha Adugna, Kimberly Price Evans.

**Members Absent:** Bill Bentley, Susan Price, Gertrude Jones, Daniel Terrel, Lucille Smith, Ken Flemmer, Sebastian Smoot, Len Newman.

**Guests Present:** Dawn Luedtke (Councilmember District 7), Anna Martinez, David Lorenzo-Botello, Anthony Featherstone, Greg Chmiel (MCPD 3D), Eileen Finnegan, Rob Richardson, Christopher Bolton, Don Wallick, Margaret Goergen-Rood, Dan Wilhelm, Toriano Cross, Daniel Hill, Danielle Moxley.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Cicero Salles.

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes:** Did not have a quorum. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting with quorum.

#### **Montgomery County Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> District (Officer Fred Chmiel's) Update Included:**

- A traffic Police department traffic speed study was done for 7 days in the areas of Randolph Road, Woodmore, and Piney Branch, and very few speeding violations over the posted speed limit were found.
- The department will hold a 3 on 3 youth basketball tournament will be held in Briggs Chaney starting April 28th. The event will be held every Friday until the end of May.
- Recent homicide on Tree Top Lane is being investigated.
- Auto thefts and thefts from autos continue to be a problem.
- Also discussed was a new program called Etch and Catch to deter catalytic converter theft.

**Guest Speaker Dawn Luedtke (Councilmember District 7) Topics shared/discussed included:**

- Two bills that she is sponsoring - Bills 5-23 and Bill 8-23.

- Other topics discussed included crisis intervention teams, increased crime, homelessness, opioids, and school safety.
- Board members and residents asked questions about these issues. Please review the councilmember's presentation attached.

**Guest Speaker Anthony Featherstone (Executive Director of Worksource Montgomery):**

- Provided a presentation on Worksource Montgomery mission and services – providing services to meet the needs of employers and people who are un/underemployed, including services to underserved and special populations (available on the East County Regional Services website and on request).
- Highlights from the presentation include 1<sup>st</sup> fully equipped mobile job center and services have quadrupled since offering putting the vehicle on the streets.
- Worksource Montgomery has partnerships with 150 organizations in the County.
- The Blueprint for Marylander's Future is a program that will offer career counseling for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and it will launch in 2024. WSM will play a vital role in its implementation, along with other workforce development, education, and business partners

**New Business:**

- Two letters needed to be ratified, but this action was postponed until May due to a lack of quorum.
- Board Chair (Peter Myo Khin) would like board input on the Briggs Chaney Masterplan. We will review, discuss, and gather talking points.
- Also, discussion was the Board-sponsored April 12<sup>th</sup> FY25 Capital Improvements Program community forum

**Staff Council Updates:**

**Lorenzo-Botello – Councilmember Evan Glass' office update included:**

- Concern for safety in downtown Silver Spring due to recent crimes (i.e., car jackings)
- Incentive for police recruits has increased to \$20,000 signing bonus.
- Public hearings on the FY24 County operating budget scheduled for April 11 and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Two new people hired for Planning Board

**Anna Martinez- Councilmember Kristin Mink's office included:**

- Focus is on school construction projects,
- Renter evictions/rent control related legislation (Home Act)

**Update from the East County Regional Office Director- Jewru Bandeh**

- Reminder to members regarding attendance policy.
- The Chair and County Executive (BCC office) will be notified of members with three or more absences.
- Reminder about the CIP Budget Forum on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the White Oak Community Recreation Center.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9p.m. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.