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

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Marya Ford**,** Fatmata Barrie, Roy Chavera, Peter Myo Khin, Allan Mulligan, Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Jeremiah Pope, Len Newman, Jerold Samet, Jason Washington, Teddy Wu, Melissa Daley, Samantha Blizzard, Erik Amick, Anthony Ramirez, Alison Praisner Klumpp.

**Guests Present: Melanie Wenger,** Councilmember Tom Hucker**,** Ed Weiler, Mensah Adjogah, Mark Pharaoh, Mark Doore, Brigid Smith, Brian Anleu, Rob Richardson, Dawn Valentine, Derrick Valentine, Harriet Quinn, Dan Wilhelm, Eileen Finnegan.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh and Miquitta Scott.

**Citizens’ Forum**: Comments received from citizens included- Ed Wiler of Woodmore Hills talked about having issues with an unsatisfactory response he received after calling 311to report broken glass.

**Special Guest Presentation: Melanie Wenger,** Director, MontgomeryCounty Office of Intergovernmental Relations: Presentation on “Maryland FY16 State Budget and its Impact on Montgomery County” The presentation covered these major points:

* The Governor’s FY 2016 State budget request as it relates to Montgomery County.
* Maryland school funding formula-Montgomery’s share.
* Local and bi-county late bills filed (including those related to the Transit Authority; MNCPPC Reform Act; PG County Certified County-based Business participation Program; Regulation of off-highway recreational vehicle; WSSC members-annual salary; PG County Municipal Zoning Authority.
* Bill 24-15 authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to create, by local law, a Transit Authority to perform county transit functions, create a special taxing district to finance the cost of county transit functions, impose a certain special tax, specify the organization and powers of the Transit Authority. She also talked about withdrawal of the bill by County Executive Ike Leggett prior to this meeting.
* Montgomery County’s priorities which include: public school construction, transportation, business development and health care.
* Other capital projects including libraries, national cyber security center, Montgomery College, University Center at Shady Grove, the Avery Road treatment center, Health centers grant program, Strathmore capital improvement funding.
* Montgomery County capital projects and Local Aid, year-over-year comparison.

**Approval of Meeting Summary –** The ECCAB February 4, 2015 meeting summary was approved.

**East County Regional Services Center Director’s Report:** Jewru Bandeh provided a written report highlighting the following: the Rapid Transit Corridors Advisory Committees has been formed; the Good Hope Community Recreation Center meeting on proposed concept and schematic design, January 28; County Executive’s withdrawal of MC 24-15-Transit Authority bill and the Montgomery County-Montgomery College signed MOU.

**Chair’s Report:** a writtenreport was submitted by Marya Ford highlighting-ECCAB hosting the County Executive’s FY 2016 Operating Budget Forum for East County, ECCAB (as part of the BCC’s annual members’) meeting with the County Executive on January 27 and attendance at the County’s Economic Strategy Community Advisory Group meeting January 28.

**Council Staff Updates: Updates highlighted:**

* Council meeting agenda/schedules, including the T&E Committee- BRT/US 29.
* Joint Committee work session on mental health, site II amendments.
* OLO report on Liquor control.
* Establishing a working group for Bill 60-14-Puppy mill ban.
* CIP amendments to be taken up and a proposed public hearing.

**Committee Reports**

* **Economic Planning Committee** – Statements were made regarding the request for construction of sidewalks and street lights along Norwood Road to Blake High School based on request received from the Blake High School PTA; the committee developed a list of priorities for discussion (to focus on) for the remainder of the year.
* **Quality of Life/Services Committee** – the Chair reported on the January 2015 meeting - a discussion with two guest speakers-Catherine Matthews, Director of the Upcounty RSC and Robin Riley, Chief, Department of Recreation who shared their experiences in staging annual July 4th Community Fireworks in other parts of the County. Discussion continued on development of a proposal for a community July 4th Fireworks in East County to be submitted to the County Executive. The Committee will sponsor an IDA Sector Police/Community meeting in February.

**Old Business**

* Update on the two ECCAB recommended appointments to the two Rapid Transit System Corridors Advisory Committees - Ian Swain and Teddy Wu.
* February 21, 2015 scheduled CAC orientation/ kick off meeting.
* The FDA tour is scheduled for March 24, 2015 between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ECCAB and community members was given the opportunity to sign up.

**New Business**

* ECCAB developed a list of the top Priorities for East County to be submitted to the County Executive for the FY16 Operating Budget.
* The IDA Sector meeting scheduled for February 11, 2015 was announced.
* Commander Marcus Jones, MCPD 3rd District, talked briefly on what will be discussed at the meeting, including crime trends and planned community engagement strategies for specific East County neighborhoods.
* ECCAB member Alison Praisner Klumpp was designated as the ECCAB representative on matters related to Maydale Conservation Park

**Announcements -** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m**.**