

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Samantha Blizzard, Peter Myo Khin, Jerold Samet, Faustina Smith-Neil, Shivonne Laird, Frederick Stichnoth, Jeffrey Bond, Richard Romer, Fisseha Adugna, Hildegard Sylla, Sharon Brown, Curtis Watkins, Fatmata Barrie and Jeremiah Pope,

Guests Present: Councilmember Tom Hucker, Mara Parker, Brian Anleu, Linda Cooper, Craig Wilson, Senators Craig Zucker and Senator William Smith; Delegates Ann Kaiser, Eric Luedtke and Jheanelle Wilkins; Elise W-Barnes, Dan Wilhelm, Rob Richardson, Ed Weiler, Mark pharaoh, Ken Flemmer, Quintaria Brunson, Len Newman,

Staff Present: Montgomery County East County Regional Office Director Jewru Bandeh.

Approval of the May 3, 2017 Meeting Summary: A motion was made to approve the May 3, 2017 summary. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Presentations by Special Guests: Tom Hucker, Montgomery County District 5 Councilmember provided an update on Montgomery County Council's Legislative Accomplishments to Date and Issues Related to East County, which included but was not limited to the following topics:

- White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan
- Transportation-US 29 Bus Rapid Transit System, Local Area Transportation Review
- Availability/conditions of soccer fields
- Affordable housing
- Workforce/economic development
- FY18 budget, including Montgomery County Public schools budget
- Parks and related improvements
- Announcement of public hearing scheduled June 19, 2017 regarding FIX 198-Burtonsville

The next presentations were from Montgomery County (District 20) State Legislators: Senators Craig Zucker and William C. Smith, and Delegates Ann R. Kaiser, Eric G. Luedtke and Jheanelle Wilkins briefed the board on 2017 legislative session accomplishments and upcoming issues for Montgomery County, including but not limited to the following topics:

- Importance of Community Involvement
- Personal property and other related tax credits
- Developments in support of education, including universal pre-k
- Special education and IEP process improvements

- Independent living tax credit
- Bail reform
- Trust Act
- Opioids epidemic
- Bills passed to assist higher education for foster youth
- Mortgage forgiveness relief act
- Structural improvement funding for middle schools,
- Improvements for Burtonsville, including Enterprise Zone designation
- Highlights of top bills passed this year, including Hometown Heroes Act, paid sick leave, ban on racial profiling, more learning, less testing
- \$50,000 funding for Good Hope Park, preschool programs, childcare provider training and subsidies
- Consequences of Federal healthcare repeal and impacts on Maryland
- Marijuana licensing matters.

ECCAB Chair Roy Chavera commended and thanked all special guests for work performed this year in support of our community.

ECCAB Board Members and/or Community attendees asked questions and/or made comments which were effectively addressed and/or acknowledged by presenters. Questions and comments focused mainly on revitalization of the vacant Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center, opioids crisis, education, child care, redistricting

ECCAB Regional Office Director Jewru Bandeh Update: Comments included but were not limited to: discussion of ECCAB and Executive Committee retreats during the summer (perhaps in August), and status of interview process of ECCAB board applicants.

Election of FY18 ECCAB Officers occurred in accordance with the ECCAB By-Laws. The results were as follows: Chair - Peter Myo Khin, Vice-Chair - Curtis Watkins, Secretary - Jeffrey Bond, and Parliamentarian - Jerold Samet.

ECCAB Sub-Committees Chairs for Planning/Economic Development and Quality of Life Updates: There were no committee reports on this occasion.

A motion was made and approved to hold East County Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Public Forum on June 21, 2017, 7:00 pm. The forum will be sponsored by both ECCAB Committees.

Community attendee(s) were provided the opportunity to comment on related and/or local matters. There were no comments.

Adjournment: This meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.