

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: 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, Anthony Ramirez

Guests Present: Lily Qi, Becky Snider, Ed Weiler, Mensah Adjogah, Mark Pharaoh, Mark Doore, Fred Stictnoth, Brigit Smith, Brian Anleu, Harriet Quinn, Dan Wilhelm

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh

Citizens' Forum: Comments received from citizens included- Ed Wiler of Woodmore Hills talked about crime activities in his neighborhood (including a homicide and threats against him) involving HOC voucher holders. Dan Wilhelm made an announcement about the "Growth and Development" workshop to be hosted by Councilmember Roger Berliner.

Special Guest Presentation: Lily Qi, Director of Special Projects, Montgomery County Office of the County Executive: Her presentation on "Establishing a Comprehensive Strategy for Montgomery County" covered these major points:

- The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan serving the blueprint for development in East County.
- Economic development as a quality of life issue and challenges the County is faced with.
- Montgomery County Executive's Six Point Economic Plan-Move /Build Program, MC Squad, Independent Transit Authority, Streamlining Developments, Ultra Montgomery, Montgomery Moving Forward Workforce Coalition.
- The County Executive's plan to restructure the Economic Development agency.
- The Comprehensive Economic Development Advisory Group established to develop/recommend economic development plan/competitive strategies-to be presented to the County Council in July 2015.
- The County is working very hard to retain Marriott Corporate headquarters in the County.
- Overview of incubator initiatives, bio-health innovation, Accelerators for IT, technology transfer/data driven/connectivity, entrepreneurial development, engaging businesses at the highest level, repurposing of vacant buildings/properties, economic sister sister cities
- Need for a comprehensive economic strategy focused on East County: hosting innovation network events, closer focus on schools, recruiting major companies to move to the region,

Approval of Meeting Summary – The ECCAB March 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 (CAC-North) scheduled March 26th meeting; the rescheduled Musgrove/Fairland Interchange and MD 198/Spencerville Upgrade Stakeholder meetings (State Highway Administration sponsored); ECRSC meeting with Councilmember Tom Hucker; Update on the Burtonville Crossings Shopping Center.

Chair's Report: No report. The Chairwoman was absent

Council Staff Updates: Updates highlighted:

- Future Council/Committees meeting agendas/schedules.
- Update on Councilmember Hucker's efforts on the revitalization of the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center; His testimony in Annapolis on the storm water bill.
- Council Public Safety Committee's March 9th hearing/meeting on Police body cameras.
- PHED's March 23rd public hearing on the White Oak SSP amendment.
- Ban on e-cigarettes, poppy mills.
- MCPS CIP amendments to be taken upon March 19th.
- County Council recess during spring break, to be followed by hearings/worksessions on the operating budget.

Committee Reports

- **Economic Planning Committee** – brief mention of the ECCAB priorities for the FY 16 operating budget submitted to the County Executive; the committee is working on new topics/agenda for the coming months.
- **Quality of life/Social Issues** – Request from the County's Community Action Board for ECCAB co-sponsorship of a forum on poverty in April; report on the February 11, 2015 IDA Sector police/community meeting.

Old Business – FDA White Oak campus tour on March 24 at 2:00 pm.

New Business – Announcement of ECCAB vacancies and reminder on reapplication for a second term by members (application deadline, April 3, 2015).

- The board passed a motion to make a request to the County Executive a waiver (and allow a new term) for Peter Myo Khin, whose second term expires March 31, 2015.

Announcements – There will be a workshop on Ebola Stigmatization at the Silver Spring Civic Building on March 7, 2015.

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