**East County Citizen’s Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road

Silver Spring, MD 20904

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**Wednesday, 5 September 2012**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Called to Order:** 7:15pm

**Adjourned:** 9:30pm

**Members Present:** Miti Figueredo, Marva R. Deskins, Rachel Whavers, Tamika Bennett, Allan Mulligan, Lucretia Bartley, Paul Myers, Fatmata Barrie, Anthony Ramirez, Teddy Wu, Alison Praisner-Klumpp, Jerold Samet, Ned Williams, Christine Stephan, Peter Myo Khin, David Kochanski, Roy Chavera, Peter Myo Khin

**Members Absent:** Brian Champion

1. **Citizen’s Forum**
	* Bob Sylwester: SHA has added flashing lights on Dino Drive, but they are not active yet; large commercial vehicle parking and litter issues along Dino Drive; visibility issues with notice of special exception application signs
	* Eric Luedkte: Washington Adventist Hospital continues to pursue Certificate of Need for east county hospital; there will be a traffic study this fall for 198 and Peach Orchard Road and for 29 and Fairland as well; a speed camera is needed on Robey Road
	* Ed Weiler: comments regarding number of occupants in homes in his area & school overcrowding
2. **Presentation**
* **George Leventhal**
	+ Discussed status of WAH CON application
	+ Accessory apartments
	+ New regulations on tobacco to prohibit smoking in multifamily common areas
* **Odile Brunetto, Director Area Agency on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services**
	+ Discussed services for seniors in the county; Agency on Aging is a national network funded by federal funds, services are tailored to community needs. Most services are free, but some services are provided for a low fee.
* **Gabe Albornoz, Director, Department of Recreation**
	+ Discussed senior programming & new senior center at WOCRC
1. **Approval of Minutes**
	* August minutes approved without edits
2. **Director’s Report**
	* The Planning Department will have an Open House on October 6th
	* Thanks to Christine Stephan, who recently brought church members to pull weeds at the Regional Center
	* Brian Champion had a baby boy
3. **Chair’s Report**
	* Miti and Peter met with DOT regarding parking on Prosperity Drive; they are expanding parking somewhat for employees but will not allow overnight parking
4. **Council Staff**
	* PHED committee discussing Accessory Apartments ZTA
5. **Committee Reports**
	* Infrastructure
		+ None, due to summer recess.
	* Services
		+ None, due to summer recess.
	* Quality of Life
		+ Discussed the details of the upcoming Teen Summit
6. **Old Business**
	* Maryland Healthcare Commission disapproved WAH’s CON application; will request update on next steps
7. **New Business**
	* Special exception signage will be referred to the Zoning Committee
	* Services and Quality of Life Committees will be merged; the respective chairs will now hold the meeting as co-chairs of the single Quality of Life and Services Committee.
	* Burtonsville Day will be held on September 22nd and volunteers are needed
8. **Announcements**
* On September 22nd there will be a Pan-African Festival celebrating African Heritage month in downtown Silver Spring
1. **Adjournment**
	* A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.