

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
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Wednesday, 6 February, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

Called to Order: 7:15 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Members Present: Rachel Whavers, Paul Myers, Fatmata Barrie, Anthony Ramirez, , Roy Chavera, Jerry Samet, Alison Praisner-Klumpp, Tamika Bennett, Marva Deskins, Allan Mulligan, Len Newman, Christine Stephan, David Kochanski, Teddy Wu

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh

Members Absent: Peter Myo Khin, Lucretia Bartley

Guest Present: Mark Pharoah, Chris Bradbury, Deanna B. Archey, Julie Hershorn, Mara Parker

I. Citizen's Forum

- Chris Bradbury, new IMPACT Silver Spring staff introduced himself as the East County Network Coach.

II. Presentation

- Deanna B. Archey, Senior Planning Specialist, MCDOT, Ride On Transit Services.
 - o Discussed the various bus stops in East County and plans for future improvements.
 - o There are 5,264 bus stops in the entire county and all are ADA accessible.
 - o Ride On works with WMATA to streamline the fair structure and has also implemented a Smart-Trip system.
 - o All busses are equipped with an I.D. system to provide real time arrival times.
 - o BRT will allow Ride On to be a feeder transit service to neighborhoods and those otherwise unattended to.
 - o There are three depots for Ride On in the entire county.
- Julie Hershorn, Office of Bus Planning, WMATA
 - o Informed the board that Metro compliments Ride On and that it primarily works on the main roads.
 - o There are 20k riders daily in the East County region.
 - o Metro Service decisions are based on local demand and what the local officials deem necessary for its riders. They also take into account rider patterns and the amount of passengers per mile.

- o A Metro community meeting will be held in late 2013 in Montgomery County.
- o The BRT provider has not yet been determined, and the decision as to whether Metro will be replaced has not been made either. However, Metro and BRT will not work together.

III. Approval of Minutes

- January minutes were unanimously approved

IV. Director's Report

- The new East County Regional Center Director was introduced. He stated his goal to work very closely with the Board and the East County Community. He is in an Acting Director capacity until his confirmation by the County Council on February 26, 2013.

V. Chair's Report (Provided by Len Newman on Peter Myo Khin's behalf)

- The East County Regional Center has a new Director, Jewru Bandeh.
- Peter is away attending to the affairs of his son's passing. He asks that instead of providing flowers that we recognize his loss by embracing our families a bit tighter.
- The Downtown Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board approached our Advisory Board and would like to collaborate with us and hold a joint meeting.
- In regards to the Roy Rogers application to the Sign Review Board for a signage variance related issue, Len deferred it to Marva Deskins. A citizen complained about Roy Rogers placing a sign in an area where there is no entrance to the restaurant. He does not want this to set precedent for future occurrences. The County has regulations (59-F) that governs signage for buildings. The Sign Review Board will hold a hearing on February 19th with a decision on the application to follow. A motion was made and passed for the Infrastructure Committee to take up this matter at its next February meeting.

VI. Council Staff Update

- There will be a public hearing about the Burtonsville (Sectional) Map Amendment. The public can call 240-777-7803 to sign-up for the hearing.
- On February 7th the County Council's Public Safety Committee will get an update on EMS transfer fees.
- The Roadside Tree Protection Committee will meet on February 25th.
- The Tenant work group will meet on February 25th.
- The PHED Committee will hold a zoning ordinance re-write meeting on March 22nd.
- On March 4th, the PHED will meet on the Burtonsville Plan
- On February 28th the public safety deer management committee will meet.

VII. Committee Reports

- Quality of Life & Services – It will reconvene the planning for a Teen Summit in East County.

- Infrastructure – In regards to the no U-Turn sign on 29, Peter was going to meet with the Regional Director to have a letter sent to MCDOT.
- Kate Stookey will attend the upcoming Infrastructure Committee meeting for a discussion on Corporate Sponsorship. All board members are invited.

VIII. Old Business

- none

IX. New Business

- Paul would like to write a letter with a new date for the Burtonsville Map Amendment.

X. Announcements

- Blake High School will have their annual Italian Dance night on Friday March 1st from 7-9 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.