

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

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road

Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Called to Order:** 7:15 p.m.

- The Chair welcomed three newly appointed and confirmed ECCAB members: Samantha Blizzard, Marya Ford and Ian Swain. Three reappointments were announced-Teddy Wu, Anthony Ramirez and Len Newman.

**Members Present:** Lucretia Bartley, Tamika Bennett, Samantha Blizzard, Marya Ford, Len Newman, Alison Praisner-Klumpp, Allan Mulligan, Teddy Wu, Lucretia Bartley, Peter Myo Khin, Paul Myers, Fatmata Barrie, Ian Swain.

**Members Absent:** Roy Chavera, David Kochanski, Anthony Ramirez, Jerold Samet, Rachel Whavers.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh

**Guests Present:** Robyn Simmons, Marva Deskins, **Mark** Pharaoh, Mara Parker, Richard Romer, Alexis Reed, Bonnie Davis-Isom, Gertarde Jones, Jonathan Shurberg, Mark Doore, Corine Maydinovite, April Hamilton, Delegate Sheila Hixson, Harry Montgomery, Chris Bradbury, Bertha Flores, Peter Radway, E. Beger, Clara Perlexgiere, Dorcia Begun, Stacy Reid Swain, Jonathan Genn, Rosanne Greene, Veronica Carrera, Ed Weiler, R. Green, Alice Wilkerson, Erik Amik, Bob Sylvester, Bob McFadden.

- **Citizen's Forum**
  - A number of concerns were raised by citizens including: increased crime rates in East County and the need to increase resources for police/public safety; proposed reopening of the old bridge on Columbia Pike near Columbia Towers; illegal signs posted along major roadways (Route 29, 198, etc); the \$1 million the County gave back to the State for the WSSC site.
- **Presentations** by special guests (highlights/key points).
- All of the delegates provided brief highlights of the 2013 Maryland General Assembly:
  - Montgomery County Council member Valerie Ervin- Anticipating Montgomery County Planning Board recommendations on the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan to be forwarded to the County Council and County Executive; anticipates

- hearing comments and begin discussions on (WOSGMP) traffic related impacts, required community participation (public hearings) as part of the process and great discussion on recommended staging plan; reinvesting in the dormant Burtonsville crossing shopping center; and ongoing discussions on the pending sale of the labor college property in the Hillandale area.
- Alex Wilkerson for Sen. Jamie Raskins-New fire alarm safety requirements; repealing the death penalty.
  - Sen. Karen Montgomery- highlights included the campaign finance disclosure law, status/progress on the implementation of the state's affordable healthcare program and the emancipation proclamation.
  - Del. Anne Kaiser-highlights on the school safety bill, student truancy as an ongoing problem, \$24 million funding for school safety improvements and special benefit tax credit reinvestment bill.
  - Del. Sheila Hixson-highlights included improvements/progress made on public school education, teacher recruitment, and increasing availability of online courses.
  - Del. Eric Luedtke-highlights included work done to pass empowerment/enterprise zone legislation for designated areas of Montgomery County to promote economic development revitalization, including the Glenmont area; working with special focus on the revitalization of the Burtonsville Crossing shopping center; school safety and addressing student truancy as a growing problem.
  - Del. Craig Zucker- focused on Maryland job development act, tracking to ensure accountability in economic development, protecting youth in foster care and providing more training resources

## **Approval of Minutes**

- The May 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Director's Report**
  - Summarized in handout
- Report highlighted key community activities and events- MC Planning Board review of White Oak Master Plan staff recommendations, plans for White Oak and Briggs Chaney Community Day Celebrations; Preplanning for the 2013 East County Leadership Summit in the fall; recruitment of new ECCAB member and reappointments concluded; Planning Board work sessions on the WOSGMP to begin early June.

- **Chair's Report**
  - No ECCAB meeting in July and August 2013. The board will reconvene September 4, 2013.
  - Welcome to the three new ECCAB members and three reappointments.
- **Council Staff Update.** Briefs included:
  - Announcements of the schedules of the County Council committees-PHED, T&E, etc, and a few very important bills that will be discussed, including the bag tax, impervious surfaces and watershed changes, Zoning Text Amendments ( public hearings dates in June and July) .
- **Committee Reports**
  - Infrastructure:
    - The committee will invite Mr. Greg Ossont, Montgomery County Dept. of General Services Deputy Director to make a presentation on the proposed economic development collaboration between the County and Percontee for Site II, the WAH relocation efforts and their relationship to the WOSGMP. The community will be invited.
  - Newly appointed ECCAB members will join the committee.
  - Quality of Life/Services:
    - The next meeting will focus on the 2013 East County Leadership Conference Plan-confirm date, location, setting up an agenda, etc.
    - Newly seated ECCAB members will join the committee.
- **Old Business**
  - None
- **New Business:**
  - Briggs Chaney Day announcement was made; need for more vendors and sponsors for the event
- **Announcements**-None
- **Adjournment**-the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.