



**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904**

June 3, 2015

MEETING SUMMARY

Board members Present: Erik Amick, Roy Chavera, Samantha Blizzard, Marya Ford, Alison Praisner Klumpp, Allan Mulligan, Len Newman, Anthony Ramirez, Teddy Wu.

Guests Present: Ed Weiler, Mara Parker, Nicholas Arnold, Gregory Arnold, Mark Pharaoh, Robert Bartol, Mensah Adjogah, Lanita Whitehurst, Michelle Ngwafon, Karen Montgomery, Maria Lonsbury, Lee Yaffes-Stark, Rub Richardson, Fred Stichnoth, Sheila Hixson, Mark Moore, Eric Luedtke, Craig Zucker, Anne Kaiser

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh and Chiffon Smith

Citizens' Forum: Community comments included issues relating to public safety a case involving a pit bull); update on the idea about forming the East County senior village; announced the Maydale conservation park community meeting at the ECRSC.

Approval of the May 6, 2015 Meeting Summary: Approved by all members present.

Presentation by Special Guests: Senator Karen Montgomery, Delegates Anne Kaiser, Sheila Hixson, Eric Luedtke, Craig Zucker: Summary/topics of their presentations:

- State budget update-impact on Montgomery County- cuts to schools, local agencies and community projects, school funding formula, construction funding, transportation (purple line), medicaid funding
- Overview of state taxes and status of its bond rating, and the state's rainy day reserve funds
- Hydraulic fracking and resulting environmental impacts
- Domestic violence-role and functions of first responders and processing rape kits/tests in a timely manner
- Background checks on funeral homes and morticians
- Charter school legislation, discussion on impact on public school funding, policies, etc.
- Debate on gas tax-the Governor's position on this issue and how to fund transportation/transit projects.
- Discussion of jobs, amenities and transit proposals

The presentations were followed by a brief general questions and answers session on the topics mentioned above.

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ECRSC Director's Report

- The ECRSC Director is named Acting/Interim Director for the MidCounty RSC until a new director is appointed. The MidCounty RSC Director is leaving County Government in June, 2015
- An adhoc committee is selected to conduct interviews of applicants for the vacant ECCAB positions
- A handout was provided to highlight a few program updates from the Director's office

ECCAB Chair's Report/Update

- The chair thanked two outgoing ECCAB members (Allison Praisner-Klumpp and Alan Mulligan), and presented Certificates of Appreciation for Service from the County Executive.

County Council Staff Update – Updates from Council staff included:

- Approved county budget, providing 97% of MCPS requested amount
- Expansion of the Inspector General's office
- The e-cigarette bill approved
- Police Chief Manger scheduled to meet with council to discuss body cameras
- Restructuring of the Department of Economic Development
- June 15 forum on Campaign Finance Law
- Senior Town Hall meeting at Leisure World

Police 3rd District Police Commander's Update

- Provided a brief overview of crime statistics for the 3rd District
- Report on the recent shooting in Briggs Chaney/Castle Boulevard

Committee Reports

- The planning and Economic Development Committee will have Tom Street, ACAO at its next meeting to discuss CIP-related issues
- The Quality of Life/Social Issues Committee will meet with Montgomery College on June 25 to discuss its East County programs and get feedback/recommendations on programming

Old Business – None

New Business

- The ECCAB elected new officers for the coming year: Chair-**Anthony Ramirez**, Vice Chair-**Samantha Blizzard**, Secretary- **Fatmata Barrie**, and Parliamentarian-**Jerold Samet**.
- The two committees will select their respective chairs at their first/next meetings

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.