

Agenda for the Tuesday, February 21, 2012 meeting

As discussed at BIC meetings last year, the mission under which the BIC was established in 2007 has been completed now that BRAC-related transportation projects have been identified and funded. Consequently, the BIC is being reconstituted under the auspices of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center – which is the County Executive’s community presence – as an adjunct to the Western Montgomery Citizens Advisory Board (WMCAB). Ilaya Hopkins, a WMCAB member, has agreed to serve as BIC Chair for one year.

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- I. Introductions
- II. Updates:
 - BRAC Coordinator
 - Navy
 - NIH
- III. Bethesda BRAC Recap: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Now
- IV. Discussion of the BIC’s future operation, goals, and meeting schedule.
- V. Structure of meetings and Communications (meetings start with introductions and updates, then proceed to presentations/discussion, new business and community issues at the end; email communications in between meetings; website as resource)

Updates from the Montgomery County BRAC Coordinator and from agency and community stakeholders. Including (but not limited to):

- NIH to hold Feb. 28, 2012 Public Scoping Meeting regarding forthcoming EIS on Updated Master Plan: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/exec/brac/pdf/nih-masterplanupdatescopingmeet-022812.pdf>
- Improvements of Navy Gates on Jones Bridge Road
- THE BIG NEWS – BRAC ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE:
 - 2-9-12 WASHINGTON POST: “Bethesda area braces for major roadwork.”
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/commuting/bethesda-area-braces-for-major-roadwork/2012/02/08/gIQAiBHC0Q_story.html

News and issues for discussion:

- 2-2-12 GAZETTE: “Lawmakers seek road improvement delays near Walter Reed Representatives: Connecticut Avenue upgrade needs more studying”
<http://www.gazette.net/article/20120202/NEWS/702029770/1124/lawmakers-seek-road-improvement-delays-near-walter-reed&template=gazette>
- 1-25-12 AIR FORCE TIMES: “Pentagon to request 2 new rounds of BRAC”
<http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2012/01/dn-pentagon-to-request-2-new-rounds-of-brac-012512/>

Background and Resources

- *Go here for lots of background info on Agenda items:*
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/community.asp> (Scroll down to the February 21 meeting summary)
- *For more information and details on this or past meetings, or for directions, go to the County BRAC site's "Get Involved" Page:*
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/get_involved.asp
- *For updates on all things BRAC, go to the County's BRAC web site. Peruse the menu on the left-hand column:* <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BRAC>
- *Use the interactive map for updates on BRAC-related projects that are under way or in the planning phase. Click on the Blue and Red Pins and the Green and Blue Lines for each project:*
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/BRAC/brac_map.asp.
- *See also the Printable Project Timeline, updated through February 9, 2012:*
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/exec/brac/pdf/disruptionstimeline-041111.pdf>
- *For all the news and headlines about BRAC, go here:*
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/archive.asp>