



## Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Annual Report September 2010-July 2011

The MCCAB consists of 15 members who are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The membership also may include Associate Members who participate as non-voting members in Board meetings, and Liaison Members from other County Boards and other civic and community organizations that facilitate and improve communications between and among community groups and the MCCAB.

### 2010-2011 MCCAB Members

Chair: L. Blaine Charak – Wheaton

Vice Chair: Gamunu Wijetunge,  
Wheaton

Parliamentarian: Rick Newman-Olney  
Teresa Bell – Bel Pre

Robin Brannan – Kensington/Wheaton  
Eileen Cahill – Norbeck/Muncaster  
Mill

Marlyn Ferguson – Aspen Hill

Karla Fortunato – Wheaton

Ritija Gupta – Kemp Mill

Kieran McHargue – Forest Glen

Gregory Intoccia – Olney

Stefan Lawson – Glenmont

Steve Morrison – Layhill/Bel Pre

Mary Scholl – Manor Woods/Bel Pre

Ariel Winter – Kemp Mill

**The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)** provides advice and recommendations to the County Executive on policy and budget issues, planning and goal setting procedures, and legislative matters; educates the community on governmental structures and services; and acts as a facilitator to foster solutions to community problems, needs, and issues.

MCCAB is a bridge between the 220,000 residents and businesses throughout the 99 square miles of the Mid-County service area. The boundaries of that area extend north to Howard County; south to the Beltway, I-495; east to Sligo Creek Parkway, and west to Rock Creek Park.

The MCCAB serves as liaison between the wide network of communities including Aspen Hill, Brookeville, Capital View, Derwood, Flower Valley, Forest Glen, Glenmont, Kemp Mill, Kensington, Layhill, Laytonsville, Norbeck, Olney, Sandy Spring, Upper Rock Creek, and Wheaton; and Montgomery County agencies.

MCCAB meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Regional Service Center located at 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD.

## **2010-2011 Correspondence List with the County Executive and County Council**

- Oct. 25, 2010 MCCAB supported Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 09-03 Quality of Life Code Enforcement Reforms.
- Nov. 2, 2010 MCCAB encouraged expediting renovation of Kemp Mill Urban Park.
- Dec. 2, 2010 MCCAB opposed connecting segments of Buehler near Spartan Road.
- Dec. 20, 2010 MCCAB acknowledged the Mid-County Youth Advisory Committee's efforts in providing assistance to some of our neediest community members during the holidays.
- Jan. 3, 2011 MCCAB expressed concern with Pepco's failure to address extended power outages.
- Mar. 15, 2011 MCCAB requested investigation of active and inactive natural gas-fed street lights in Mid-County neighborhoods to ensure safe deactivation.
- Mar. 15, 2011 MCCAB shared suggestions for design of Kemp Mill Urban Park.
- Mar. 29, 2011 MCCAB made suggestions to address budget crisis.
- May 20, 2011 MCCAB made recommendation to post cardiac arrest survivability rates and other health outcome measures to be included in CountyStat and the Montgomery County website.
- Jun. 21, 2011 MCCAB commended Director Natalie Cantor for her tireless efforts on behalf of the residents of the Mid-County Region.
- Jun. 21, 2011 MCCAB expressed concern regarding death of three Montgomery youth killed in a car accident on Olney-Laytonsville Road and requested that the road be straightened to prevent a similar occurrence.
- July 29, 2011 MCCAB shared their Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY13-18 recommendations.
- July 19, 2011 MCCAB made the recommendation that MCPS explore all reasonable feasible alternative approaches to Farquhar Middle School modernization project and opposed transporting students to Tilden during construction.

**FY-13-18 Capital Improvements Priorities**  
**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Recommendations**

Approved at the July 19, 2011 Meeting

<b>Implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)</b> – The MCCAB has previously voted support for BRT between Glenmont and Olney via Georgia Avenue and Wheaton and Rockville via Veirs Mill Road.
<b>Wheaton Redevelopment</b> – coordination of Wheaton Projects to go through the Wheaton Redevelopment program and the Mid-County Regional Center. All County-funded projects should be vetted and coordinated through the appropriate Regional Center.
<b>Grade separated interchange at Georgia Avenue/Randolph Road</b> – Keep project at top of County’s priority list.
<b>Fire Station #18 Relocation</b> – Keep construction on schedule in preparation for Georgia Ave./Randolph Rd. grade separation project. Prepare for possible temporary relocation to Glenfield Park on Layhill Rd. prior to completion of permanent location if Georgia Ave./Randolph Rd. grade separation project begins in the next few years.
<b>Combined Wheaton Library/Community Recreation Center</b> – Continue to work with the community to develop the combined facility.
<b>Olney Multi-Function County and Community Services Center</b> – Funding for a multi-function county and community services center.
<b>Kemp Mill Urban Park</b> – Support expedited renovation of the Kemp Mill Urban Park by M-NCPPC.
<b>Olney Town Commons/Green Space</b> – Funding for a town commons/green space area with a pavilion and suitable accommodations for the Olney Farmers Market.
<b>Extend the Matthew Henson Trail to the Trolley Museum</b> – Extend the trail from its present terminal at Alderton Rd. to the Trolley Car Museum.
<b>CIP Process Review</b> – Review current procedures for capital project design, procurement and construction management for greater efficiency.
<b>School capacity should be below 105%</b> -- There is concern about overcrowding in Mid-County region.
<b>Redevelopment/revitalization of Glenmont Shopping Center</b> – Create public-private partnership to incentivize, make economically attractive, provide redevelopment credit to owners. Attract better store to shopping center, rid area of vagrants, better markings in parking lot for traffic flow.