

# Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

### Approved 01/15/13

Call to Order:	Rick Newman, Chair	Minutes: Nedgie Metellus
Location:	Millian Memorial United Methodist Church: 13016 Parkland Dr, Rockville, MD	
Date: / Time:	December 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM EST	
Attendees:	Ariel Winter, Kieran McHargue, Gam Wijentunge, Robert Shoenberg, Luis Bonilla, Steve Morrison, Gregory Intoccia, Pat Lahr, Brenita Young, Robin Brannan, Oriole Saah.	
Staff:	Ana Lopez van Balen	
Guests:	Marguerite Eimer, Bill Shelton, Robert Clarke, Nikki Feagin, Marina Hayes, Patty Walker, Adam Fogel, Tiffany Ward, Colin Alter, Rusty Embrey, David Chia, Edith Williams, Carol Petzold, Vikrym Mathur, Regina Crutfchfelt, Roger Arnold	

Call to Order and Introductions Welcome Back by Rick Newman at 7:02 PM.

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:

Motion to accept agenda by Ariel Seconded by Robin Agenda accepted

*Motion to accept October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes Minutes for October 16th, 2012 accepted; two abstentions* 

*Motion to accept November* 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 *minutes Minutes for November* 20th, 2012 *accepted; one abstention* 

# Aspen Hill Interfaith Group

Introduction and a few but not limited to works within the community:

- Four churches, library, police department; meeting once a month to discuss the needs of the community
- Food pantry once a month; 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday opened to the community
- Community festivals
- MLK Day of Service
- Concerns: Activities needed for children that attend school in the area (potential grants for neighborhood) *and* a gym for recreational activities

## **Community Concerns**

- Disposition of the BAE Systems building (Vacant for 3-4 yrs.) To be discussed during the land use and zoning committee
- Aspen Hill Library renovation delay
- Accessory Apartments: zoning text amendment
- Re-pavement of roads
- Signage on state or county roads: to remove, creating clutter

#### **Old Business**

**Eviction Process:** A letter to be prepare to bring attention to concern (To *be discussed at the Quality of Life/Budget committee*)

### **Council Report**

- Councilmember Nancy Navarro is the new president of the Montgomery County Council
- Council in Recess till January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- ZTA 12-11 Accessory Apartment Hearing passed
- Upcoming Public Hearings for:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Minor Subdivision
  - Smoking on County property
- Glenmont Sector Planning
- Positive Youth Initiative

#### **Director/Staff Report**

- Pedestrian/Car Access: DOT to resolve issue. First a traffic study will be conducted
- BAE Systems Building: Discussion with Lee
- Child Care Issues
- Wheaton Urban District
- Awarded grant to install recycle bins in the Wheaton area
- Save the date OMB budget hearing January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Subcommittees meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, due to holiday, the Land Use committee will meet Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>,2013 and the Quality of Life subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

# **Committee Reports**

### Land Use and Zoning

- Glenmont Sector Plan: too premature to take a position
- Further discussion on Rapid Transit

#### **Quality of Life/Budget**

- Two action items:
  - Letter written regarding Wheaton Library Recreation regarding design plan(suggestion); concerns that plans were selected without community input
  - Letter regarding folks having issues paying utilities and advocating against tracker until Pepco has reached performance standards

## Liaison Reports

- **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee** No report
- Olney Town Center Advisory Committee
  O Advocate in CIP for towns commons
- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee
  - o New website <u>www.wheatonmd.org</u>
  - Costco to open Spring 2013
- Pepco Community Group
  - Power outages need to be called in so Pepco can isolate areas and improve service
  - Accelerate tree trimming, 12 meters and underground feeders to happen July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

## **New Business**

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM