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| **Call to Order:** | Kieran McHargue, Chair | | | | **Minutes**: Oriole Saah | | |
| **Date / Time:** | June 17, 2014; 7:00 PM ET | | | | | | |
| **Attendees:** | **X** | Adjogah, Mensah | **X** | Newman, Rick | | **X** | Williams, Zuberi |
| **X** | Bonilla, Luis | **X** | Owusukoko, Kimberly | |  | Vacant |
| **X** | Intoccia, Gregory (Vice Chair) | **X** | Saah, Oriole | |  | Vacant |
|  | Lahr, Patrick (Secretary) | **X** | Shoenberg, Robert | |  | Vacant |
| **X** | McHargue, Kieran (Chair) | **X** | Walker, Will | |  | Vacant |
| **Staff:** | Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Service Center  Tiffany Ward, Aide to Councilmember Elrich  Ruthann Eiser, Aide to Councilmember Floreen | | | | | | |

**APPROVED**

**Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**

* 7:05PM by Kieran McHargue, Chair.
* Insufficient members present to form a quorum and vote for the agenda and minutes.

### **Community Concerns: Jim Smith, Olney Town Center Advocacy Committee**

* The committee was created eight years ago to address plans for a mixed use center with new zoning.
* Recently presented plans to MNCPPC Board & these were well received. The Committee will have a voice in development in the Olney area.
* The new focus going forward will be:
  + A civic center/town center/commons area for the town. They will need an open space to develop this vision.
  + Remaining spaces within the town
* Seeking input on a mechanism which will allow them to pursue the feasibility of the town center as a county project or public/private project.
* The group, including Nancy Floreen, provided input and suggestions for reaching their goal given that there is no large private project currently in the works for Olney.

### **Housekeeping**

* Achieved a quorum.
* Agenda: Will Walker moved that we accept the Agenda, Zu Williams seconded. Approved unanimously.
* Minutes of May meeting: Zu Williams moved to accept the minutes without changes, Greg Intoccia seconded. Approved unanimously.

Old Business None

Guest Speaker: Nancy Floreen, Member, County Council

Budget update

* No tax increases unless your home assessment rose
* Reduction of energy tax – small amount
* Schools fully funded – 3.3% increase over previous year
* Transportation near the limit of the CIP – tried to secure more State funding
* State is pushing costs to County (i.e., teacher pension funding and energy costs)
* Libraries: more hours, books – not back to full strength prior to economic downturn
* Recreation – services still down 25% from height before economic downturn
* Staff for County Centers – need to be restored, pendulum still swinging toward decentralization. Tell Ike.

PHED Update

* Finalizing the map to pair with the recently updated zoning code. Should be completed next month. Map will apply to the codes starting this fall.
* Glenmont – broke ground on the Georgia/Randolph intersection construction.
* White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan
* The local Gazette stopped some local delivery – how will residents keep up with local news?
* Recap of Wheaton Regional Library project
* Recap of Wheaton Redevelopment and recent funding approval
* Plans for adult housing in progress near Glenmont Metro. Why no child care in the Glenmont area? Weller Road will have child care soon but only 20 slots for pre-K children. Area needs more.
* Request was made that Floreen keep the thought of building a future Board of Education building/complex in the area of the Glenmont Shopping Center or the BAE building. MCPS will eventually be forced to turn CESC over to Montgomery College and much energy and many expenses are wasted because the Board and its employees are dispersed so widely across the county. This is an issue that may be many years down the road, but Glenmont and Mid County should be considered when the time comes to invest in MCPS.
* What is the possibility of Montgomery County being involved in Olympic activities if the Baltimore-Washington area does win a future Olympic bid? Soccer Complex in Germantown was mentioned. Possible small venue/stadium somewhere in MoCo?

Council Report

Tiffany Ward of Mark Elrich’s office shared the following items:

* Wheaton Regional Park funding – approved, moving to planning and design.
* Council will be in recess next week.

**Director Report**

* BRT – recap & discussion of Open House & concerns felt in Olney community. MCCAB should have a representative if a BRT work group is formed.
* Work on Dennis Avenue Health Center is in progress.
* The Primary is next week (Tuesday, June 24). Early voting ends Thursday, June 19.
* SHA meeting regarding Olney/Rt. 28 transportation issues tonight, June 17.
* WUDAC hosted a walking tour seeking community input on issues such as way finding, streetscapes, etc.
* Taste of Wheaton was well attended.
* Wheaton Citizen’s Coalition hosting a meeting at the Wheaton Library from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on June 26.
* Independence Day fireworks July 4 at Einstein High School
* MCCAB vacancies – received six applications for four positions. Will, Mensah, Zu, Kimberly, and Kieran will help Ana with interviews.

**Committee Reports**

Quality of Life (QoL) – meeting was canceled

Land Use – MCCAB considered letter regarding a zoning request that would increase the expense of purchasing land for the right-away of the Rt. 28 exchange, currently being planned by SHA. Rick Newman moved to approve the letter, Bob Shoenberg seconded. Letter approved unanimously.

**Liaison Reports**

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, Rick Newman – no updated needed following earlier discussion with the Committee Chair.

PEPCO Community Group, Rick Newman –no report.

Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee, Patrick Lehr – not present, no report.

Wheaton Urban District Advisor Committee, Luis Bonilla – no report.

Wheaton Library & Recreation Center, Robert Shoenberg – no update, committee is meeting regularly to gather input as plans move forward.

**New Business**

* Considered canceling the July meetings. Decided to hold the meeting as scheduled. One member will be traveling. Every member will be needed to achieve a quorum.
* Brenita’s changing work schedule forced her to step down from MCCAB, constituting the fourth vacancy on the Board.

**Adjournment**

Will Walker moved to adjourn, Mensah Adjogah seconded.

*Adjourned 8:55 PM.*