



**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order:	Rick Newman, Chair	Minutes: Nedgie Metellus
Location:	Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Rd Sandy Spring, MD 20860	
Date: / Time:	March 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM EST	
Attendees:	Ariel Winter, Kieran McHargue, Gam Wijentunge, Robert Shoenberg, Steve Morrison, Gregory Intoccia, Pat Lahr, Brenita Young, Robin Brannan, Oriole Saah, Kimberly Owusukoko, Rick Newman, Nedgie Metellus	
Staff:	Ana Lopez Van Balen	
Guests:	Councilmember Navarro, Adam Fogel, Board of Education Member Phil Kauffman, Aron Trombka, Barbara Falcigno, Terri Hogan, Barbara Ray, Greg Isanstat	

Please note: This is a draft until approved by the MCAAB

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

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:
Motion to accept agenda by Robin
Seconded by Kieran
One abstention
Agenda accepted

Motion to accept February minutes
Minutes for February minutes accepted; one abstention

Community Concerns

- Strobe light on pedestrian parking on Bel Pre Rd, clarification was provided on its purpose and benefit.
- Timing of traffic lights Northbound on Georgia Avenue. To discuss with Department of Transportation (DOT) the need to bring back two lanes.
- Olney library, pedestrian pathway, support to enforce pedestrian crossways
- Bill 1055, requiring maintenance of effort: corrections, fire and rescue, law enforcement, libraries, and transportation.

Sandy Spring Museum Executive Director Allison Weiss

It's all about community.

Background: "The Sandy Spring Museum was established in 1981 as the community was experiencing a rapid change in population and personality. Ours [Sandy Spring] is a history rich in social reform,

progressive farming, innovation, education, and cultural achievement. At Sandy Spring Museum, programs encourage informed thought, events build social connection, and school programs foster learning and achievement.” Provided by business

Sandy Spring Museum has been recording stories of the history of individuals and their families and what's important to them. With the influx of new family demographics coming in, it is imperative to reach out to various family sectors. Numerous outreach events: The annual Strawberry Festival, tours, kids and family fun, and activities.

Council President Nancy Navarro Report

Release of Silver Spring transit report

- Bill 1055
- Budget request sent out: 4.1% increase, restore positions in the libraries, police, and positive youth, teen escape, summer youth programs, and etc.
- Fire and rescue 5.9%
- Transportation and Housing for seniors
- Proposed raises for county employees,
- Fund balance above means on effort
- Wheaton rehabilitation, acquisition of another property for Park and Planning headquarters with possible other uses is likely
- Glenmont, awaiting for sector plan, lots of interest and excitement
- Wheaton HS/Edison initiative

Documents accessible in PDF on county website

Aron Trombka, Montgomery County Office of Legislative Oversight

Presentation Highlights

- A. Changes in State Law
 - Amended Maintenance Of Effort (MOE) law
 - Approved phased-in transfer of teacher pension costs to counties
- B. Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
 - Law that requires County to maintain annual per student funding level adjusted for enrollment*
 - MOE mandated increase in MCPS funding: \$21.4 million
- C. Pension Transfer to Counties
 - Counties bear costs
 - Phased in over four years
 - Future year costs function of: plan design and benefits and employee salaries
- D. Effect of the MOE law on funding for other agencies
 - County per student contribution: once raised cannot be lowered
 - New MOE law creates mismatch between future year spending and resources
 - New MOE law waiver provisions offer limited, uncertain relief
 - a. Fiscal Condition Waiver:
 - Contribution requirements reverts back after one year
 - Requires approval of State Board of Education
 - b. Recurring Cost Waiver:
 - Change in contribution tied to recurring cost savings
 - Requires approval of County Board and unions

- c. Rebasing Waiver:
 - Maximum 3% MOE adjustment
 - Requires approval of State Board of Education

Non-education services bear entire risk of economic downturns

E. New State MOE for “Critical Services”

- County annual funding level: once raise, cannot be lowered for:
 - a. Corrections
 - b. Fire and rescue
 - c. Law enforcement
 - d. Libraries
 - e. Transportation

Phil Kauffman, Montgomery County Board of Education

Presentation Highlights

- A. Demographics Facts of Students
 - Population of students has been increasing
 - Poverty indicator increased, 79% receive free meals
 - Maps farms enrollment is greater than total enrollment
 - ESOL increased by 94%
- B. Funding Facts
 - Funding is through local and state budget
 - MCPS accounts for 54.4% of overall county budget
 - Operating budget issues per pupil local contribution dropped by 13%
- C. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) History
 - Maryland’s Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement has been in place since 1984 requires school systems receive, at a minimum, the same per-pupil local funding in a subsequent year as was received in a current year.
 - Purpose: to prevent supplanting of local dollars with state dollars
 - New Laws provides:
 - a. More options for waivers during tough times
 - b. Rebasing, elimination of 26million dollar penalty
 - c. Board of education supported more waiver request in 2010 and 2011. Board supported in 2012 but withdrew the request and unilaterally debased the budget.

Director/Staff Report

- Wheaton redevelopment, PDF available
- Glenmont Enterprise Zone, March
- Wheaton public safety work group, draft completed
- Staff lead night time economy task force
- MCCAB awards have nominations, online voting in progress
- Motion to change the date of next month meeting to April 11, 2013

Committee Reports

Land Use and Zoning

- Letter by land zone and use regarding BAE systems building
Motion to accept letter with amendments. 13 yes; one opposed; one abstention. Letter was approved to be sent on behalf of MCCAB.
- Ariel Winter to be representative on the Wheaton Library Redevelopment Board
Motion to accept. Unanimous approval

Quality of Life/Budget

Liaison Reports

- **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee**
 - *Quick Win: Process for giving permits has been shortened*
- **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**
 - *No report*
- **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**
 - *No report*
- **Pepco Community Group**
 - *No report*

New Business

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.