**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board**



**Meeting Minutes**

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| **Call to Order:** | Rick Newman, Chair | **Minutes**: Nedgie Metellus |
| **Location:** | Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD | |
| **Date / Time:** | May 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM EST | |
| **Attendees:** | Rick Newman, Kieran McHargue, Gam Wijentunge, Robert Shoenberg, Gregory Intoccia, Pat Lahr, Franciso Acosta, Kimberly Owusukoko, Nedgie Metellus, Oriole Saah, Steve Morrison, Luis Bonilla, Brenita Young | |
| **Staff:** | Ana Lopez Van Balen | |
| **Guests:** | Tiffany Ward from Councilmember Elrich’s Office  Adam Fogle from Councilmember Navarro’s Office  Larissa Cariles from WRAC | |

**APPROVED**

Call to Order and Introductions

Welcome by Rick Newman at 7:00pm

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:

*Motion to accept agenda by Kieran McHargue. Seconded by Ariel Winter. Agenda accepted*

*Motion to accept April minutes by Ariel Winter. Seconded. Minutes for amended April minutes accepted*

### Community Concerns

None

**Old Business**

Meeting took place with the County Executive where MCCAB was able to present concerns regarding the issues in this area.

Eviction letter – Gam Wijetunge is still working on the draft.

**Council Report**

Adam Fogle came to talk about the decision made by council to support the county in putting out an RFP to redevelop 3 public properties in Wheaton. The budget for FY14 was approved by council with a number of items supporting Mid-County including funding for additional red shirts in Wheaton, new way finding signs, new gateway signs, etc.

**Director/Staff Report**

### Department of General Services presented designs of new Glenmont fire station 18 to the community. One design was chosen unanimously

### Two shopping centers in Aspen Hill issue: traffic studies completed and DOT has made plans for modification to entry ways between the two properties adding crosswalks and pedestrian way

### Upcoming Events in Wheaton:

### June 1: Walking tour to highlight pedestrian issues and other revitalization issues (10 am to noon)

### June 5: Wheaton library/recreation first meeting to talk about what the community wants regarding the new facility (7pm-9pm)

### June 9: Taste of Wheaton

### June 11: Kemp Mill Elementary School: Input on playground, elements left undecided on the construction plan

### June 12: Wheaton Redevelopment Community meeting to hear what the community wants from the project

### June 24: Second Wheaton library/recreation meeting

### County Executive Nighttime Economy Task Force: Kick off meeting took place on May 20th with a presentation on alcohol laws. The task force will focus on public safety, venue operations and safety, public use and amenities, transportation, quality of life, arts and entertainment and business engagement to build up night time economy. They will have 6 months to come up with recommendations.

### Committee Reports

**Land Use and Zoning**

* Discussed developments with the Purple Line
* Will continue to follow the BRT discussions
* Aspen Hill Minor Master Plan Amendment- need for retail on a large plan
  + Discussion of the illegal spot zoning for development
* Sandy Spring Minor Master Plan Amendment
* Discussion of Olney’s request for sidewalks, coordination of the timing of lights, etc.
* Lack of onsite daycare in Glenmont area. CUPF (Community Use of Public Facilities) is working on setting rental procedures for childcares
* Farquhar Middle School decision will be overturned.

**Quality of Life/Budget**

* Unable to review Eviction Letter
* Discussed Wheaton redevelopment and library redesign.

### Liaison Reports

* **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee**
  + *Steve Morrison mentioned that he is also retiring from this committee. Hence there will be a vacancy on the committee specifically for a MCCAB member to fill.*
* **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**
  + *Did not meet – they meet every other month.*
* **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**
  + *Walking Tour will take place on June 1st highlighting the needs throughout Wheaton as it pertains to Redevelopment*
* **Pepco Community Group**
  + *Programs for residential and commercial saving services*
  + *Rebate programs*
  + *Home energy audits (website to access rebate deals)*
  + *Free trees*

### New Business

Robin Brann has stepped down. MCCAB wishes her well.

MCCAB will have several vacancies that will be promoted soon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.