

**Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**

Mid-County Regional Center, 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton MD 20902

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday March 10, 2015

**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Devala Janardan (Chair), Tom Stanton (Vice Chair), Dan Thompson, Derry Goberdhansingh, Leah Haygood, Mirza Donegan, William Moore, Omar Lazo, Henriot St. Gerard

**Staff Present:** Ana Lopez van Balen, Director, Mid-County Regional Center

**Guests:** Laura-Leigh Palmer, Sean Corbett, Michelle Dow, Diane Lynn, Virginia Sheard, Marian Fryer

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**Call to Order:** 7:50pm by Chair Devala Janardan, followed by member and guest introductions. A motion was made and passed to approve the February meeting minutes without changes.

**Community Concerns:** Sean Corbett, a Wheaton resident asked that we address street parking at the March 24 redevelopment meeting.

**Directors Report:** Ana noted that the next meeting on the Redevelopment project would be March 24. The Urban District is rebooting the WheatonMD.org website to provide up to date information.

59% of eligible businesses have signed up for the Small Business Assessments. SBDC will conduct up to three meetings with them.

The Wheaton A&E Cultural Grant is live. We hope for many diverse applicants.

We've had better compliance from area businesses with snow removal.

We haven't received any nominations for the WUDAC awards so we have extended the deadline. Dan Thompson stated we need a better way to nominate people.

Ana continued that the kickoff for the BRT advisory committees was Feb. 28. WUDAC's representative is Mirza Donegan.

Sidney Cooper is planning the Summer Concert series. She noticed that before the movies began people were bored. One suggestion is to have a small concert before the movie. An idea from a guest attending the WUDAC meeting was for prizes to be raffled from area businesses.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Mirza Donegan of the Character subcommittee reported that the Walking Tour this year will have an A&E theme and that both subcommittees will work together on the project.

**Walking Tour Discussion:** Devala reiterated that the theme for the walking tour will be A&E focused. Discussion followed and included when to hold it and guests to invite. A motion was made and approved to have the tour in June.

**Green Wheaton/WUDAC Project:** Leah Haygood reported on discussions with Green Wheaton on a joint project. We will work with Urban District and Wendy Howard to highlight green features on the WheatonMD.org website.

**New Business:** Devala led a discussion on how to increase participation in the Taste of Wheaton. Member discussion followed. William Moore stated that he would be happy to relate his personal experience with the Taste.

**Adjourn:** 8:49pm