

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton MD 20902

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday June 14, 2016

Members Present: Devala Janardan, Chair, Ali Oliver-Krueger, Derry Goberdhandsingh, Dan Thompson, Henriot St. Gerard, Leah Haygood, Mirza Donegan

Staff: Luisa Montero-Diaz, Director Mid-County Regional Center

Guests: Darrel Droblich, Chairman, Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and Kristy Daphnis, Wheaton Resident Representative

Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Janardan. A motion was made and passed to approve the May Meeting Minutes without changes

Community Concerns: None were raised.

Reports:

a. Director: Director Luisa Montero-Diaz

- **Library News:** Wheaton Interim Lib open with daily hours including weekends. Friends of the Library Wheaton Bookstore (formerly in the Wheaton Library) opens at the Old Silver Spring Library until new library is built.
- **Wheaton Re-Development:** Business meeting June 16 and Community Meeting on June 22 re: parking/traffic mitigation plan. Construction to start January.
- **Metro's SafeTrack:** During Metro's 10-month system-wide SafeTrack project, 3 line segment repairs are in Montgomery County. County Government is promoting telework and transportation alternatives; providing supplemental Ride-On bus service and free shuttles between Metrorail stations; enhancing management center operations to improve traffic flow; and, using on-street parking restrictions, as needed, to improve traffic flow
- **Pedestrian in Parking Lots Media Event.** The Executive will be in Wheaton to promote pedestrian safety in parking lots. It will be held on June 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wheaton Triangle.
- **A&E District News:** Wheaton was awarded a \$2500 matching grant for a native Spanish speaking Ethnographer to continue work on the traditional arts survey. A&E Strategic Plan was sent to WUDAC members for feedback. The next step is to share with community.
- **Infrastructure Needs in Wheaton:** replacement of light poles.

b. Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee: Darrel Droblich, Chair of the PBTSA Advisory Committee gave an overview of the issues they have been working on. He asked for WUDAC support for: the Bikeway Master Plan and Vision Zero. He also requested that WUDAC keep PTBSA informed on relevant issues it may be addressing. A copy of his presentation will be posted online with these minutes.

c. Chamber of Commerce: Chamber member Mirza Donegan reported out on recent Chamber meetings and activity including the Chamber mixer on May 25th at Panera's.

Old Business

a. Taste of Wheaton: The committee discussed the impact of the severe weather forced cancellation, especially on local businesses. Director Luisa Montero-Diaz reported on the status of funds remaining after refunding vendors for tent rental and other expenses. She explained why it would be impractical to reschedule the event for the Fall because funding for two events in one year (FY17) would not be available. There was some discussion on building on/expanding another scheduled activity in FY17 such as the food truck event.

New Business

a. Nominations for WUDAC officers: The following nominations were made:

- a. Chair – Derry Goberdhandsingh
- b. Vice Chair – Omar Lazo, Leah Haygood
- c. Secretary – William Moore

b. Wheaton ARTS Parade: Dan Thompson reported on his observation of the annual Cleveland “Parade the Circle” and distributed copies of the program and a prototype program for a Wheaton ARTS Parade, “Parade the Triangle” and reported on the interest expressed by the Einstein High School Arts Academy in participating in the project.

Adjourn: 8:15pm