

## **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**

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

Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 10, 2017

**Members Present:** Ali Oliver-Krueger, Vice Chair; Derry Goberdhansingh, Tami Axelrod, Mirza Donegan, William Moore, Dan Thompson, Devala Janardan, Meghan Remo, Omar Lazo

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

**Guests:** Al Roshdieh, Director, MCDOT; Jose Thommana, Chief, Division of Parking Management; Pete McGinnity, Manager, DGS; Chris Gillis, Aide, Councilmember Leventhal; Adam Fogel, Aide, Councilmember Navarro; Andrew Rollo, resident; Shannon Rouse-Locke, Wheaton Dance Studio; Randall Spidoni, resident; Sean Corbett, Wheaton Hills Civic Association; Richard Cisneros, LEDC; Johanna Amaya, LEDC; Sarah Berg, Glenmont Forest Civic Association; others unidentified

**Call to Order:** 6:31pm by Vice Chair Ali Oliver-Krueger in the absence of the Chair Leah Haygood, followed by member and guest introductions

**Minutes Review:** A motion was made and passed to approve the December 2016 meeting minutes with minor typo corrections

**Community Concerns:** An unidentified guest asked about a need for additional police presence in the community, especially in light of today's mall stabbings. Member discussion followed

**Wheaton Redevelopment Update:** Al Roshdieh, Director, MCDOT, briefed WUDAC on recent progress in the Redevelopment project. The Park and Planning building will be 14 stories with a Public Parking garage for 407 vehicles. It will also be LEED Platinum. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Feb. 2017 but that depends on reaching tieback agreements with neighboring property owners. He also touched on intersection changes for Reedie and Grandview and also on a private apartment project that is also slated for Lot 13. A financing arrangement fell through but Bozzuto has until September to make other arrangements. Director Roshdieh then opened the floor to questions and comments from members and guests. A big area of concern expressed by many was that there has been a lack of communication on progress of this project and that the community has been kept in the dark as to what is going on. There were also questions on the interior design for the county building and the uses of the public spaces within and also the traffic management necessary for the project. Director Roshdieh stated he would provide a project manager as a liaison to keep the community informed

### **Reports:**

a. County Council: Chris Gillis, Aide to Councilmember Leventhal, updated WUDAC on the upcoming Council session that will commence on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. The Transportation Committee will take up BRT and update Residential Permit Parking. The Council will also vote on Minimum Wage Legislation. This led to member discussion on the Impact to area businesses

b. Chamber of Commerce: William Moore informed WUDAC of an upcoming Chamber Business Expo that will be held at the Kensington Town Hall on January 25

c. Wheaton Urban District: Director Luisa Montero-Diaz briefed WUDAC on an upcoming County Budget Forum on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Mid-County Recreation Center on Queensguard Road in Silver Spring. She also stated that the A&E subcommittee would meet on January 30 at 7pm

**Adjourn:** 8:13pm