

## **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**

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

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday October 11, 2016

**Members Present:** Leah Haygood(Chair), Derry Goberdhansingh, Omar Lazo, Devala Janardan, William Moore, Mirza Donegan, Dan Thompson

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

**Guests:** Lt. Joseph Onderko, 4<sup>th</sup> District Police; Adam Fogel, Aide to Councilmember Navarro; Jeannette Feldner, resident; Marian Fryer, Wheaton Coalition; Chris Gillis, Aide to Councilmember Leventhal

**Call to Order:** 6:36pm by Chair Haygood. In the absence of a quorum it was decided to pass to the Reports and come back to the scheduled agenda

### **Reports:**

4<sup>th</sup> District: Lt. Onderko briefed WUDAC on crime statistics in the Urban District. He shared that the police are working with Westfield to address safety concerns around their property. Discussion with members followed.

**Minutes:** With quorum reached, a motion was made and passed to approve the September Meeting Minutes without changes

**Community Concerns:** None

### **Reports (Cont'd):**

Council Update: Chris Gillis, Aide to Councilmember Leventhal, briefed members on recent Council actions, including approval of the abandonment of Hermitage Ave, upcoming Landlord/Tenant, minimum wage work sessions, and a review of subdivision staging policy, developer taxes and enterprise zones.

Adam Fogel, Aide to Councilmember Navarro, shared news about a Nancy Navarro Bill concerning predatory commercial leases. Discussion of details and feedback followed.

Directors Report: Director Montero-Diaz reported on a change to the armature design behind the Amphitheater in the Redevelopment design.

Early voting starts October 27. Library will be closed for early voting and then reopen afterwards.

The second annual Wheaton Film Festival will occur in November at Chuck Levin's

We will be digging up the plants in the Rain Garden on October 22 and redistributing them around the Urban District

Glenmont Fire Station opens October 26

World of Montgomery Festival is this Sunday at Montgomery College, Rockville

The Kensington Fall Festival is this Sunday

Luisa also informed WUDAC that two tenants have moved out of the Regional Center in anticipation of Redevelopment and on an Olney issue with turning the Gude Landfill into a park.

**Business and Action Items:**

Dan Thompson led a discussion of a draft letter on issues of the Wheaton A&E District. A motion was made and passed to approve an amendment concerning a specific request for dedicated staffing.

A motion was then made and passed to approve an amended letter.

Director Montero-Diaz briefed us on this Friday's deadline for comments on the BRT/Veirs Mill RD corridor study. MCCAB has studied this and will write a letter and share with WUDAC at our November meeting

**New Business:**

Annual retreat date is still open. Leah asked members to prioritize issues. An idea was floated to have team leaders instead of subcommittees.

Henriot St. Gerard has resigned from WUDAC

Next subcommittee meeting, October 24, 6-8pm

**Adjourn:** 8:00pm