

**APPROVED**

**Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**  
Mid-County Regional Center, 2424 Reddie Drive Wheaton MD 20902  
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members Present:** Henriot St. Gerard (chair), Devala Janardan (vice chair), Jeannette Feldner, Marian Fryer, William Moore, Dan Thompson, Tom Stanton, Nadia Sesay

**Members Absent:** Luis Bonilla, Jim Onder

**Staff Present:** Ana Lopez van Balen, Director Mid-County Regional Center  
Sidney Cooper, Marketing Manager, Wheaton Urban District

**Guests:** Elizabeth Chaisson, Green Wheaton  
Gerald Seagers, WRAC

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm followed by member and guest introductions.

**Motions:** Motion to approve March meeting minutes with changes and passed.

**Chair Report:** Henriot reported that he has been involved in ongoing discussions with The Coalition for Smart Growth and they have set the date for the walking tour for Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to noon. There has been no response from Holly Sears pertaining to a letter sent by WUDAC requesting a meeting. Henriot will make another attempt to reach out. The WUDAC Blog was updated.

The Chair also informed WUDAC of a recent meeting with Adam Fogel, staff to Councilmember Navarro, about the Urban District's budget requests. He will meet with Councilmember Navarro on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The County Council will hold meetings on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> concerning Wheaton redevelopment matters.

The discussion then moved to a proposed letter from WUDAC to the County Council for spending requests for FY2014. After review and comments, a motion was raised and passed to send a version of the letter that did not prioritize the recommended spending.

**Directors Report:** Ana Lopez van Balen reported that the State Enterprise bill for Glenmont passed. DED had a public meeting. It went well. She updated WUDAC on MCCAB's work on land use issues in Aspen Hill, and work on eviction and safety.

Ana noted that the Public Safety Workgroup will issue a final report on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and that she is finalizing membership requirements in a Nighttime Economy Task Force.

WUDAC was also informed that there would be a photo op for members at the Costco VIP reception with a check presentation for the Taste of Wheaton.

**Marketing Report:** Sidney Cooper announced that the digital Community Board is up at Westfield for small business advertisement.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Economic:** Nadia Sesay reported that 2 members of the Food Truck Association attended their April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and they discussed a proposed Curbside Cookoff event. She stated that no Urban District funds

would be used for the event. She recommended that WUDAC support this event. After heated discussion, a motion was made and passed.

**Design:** Dan Thompson briefed WUDAC on the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Much of the hour was devoted to a presentation from Elizabeth Chaisson of Green Wheaton, who shared ideas on storefronts, beautification, greening, lighting and signage, and art. The subcommittee requested more opportunities to meet and brainstorm with Green Wheaton and invited them to participate in the walking tour in June and a future Chamber of Commerce event on design matters.

Dan reported that the subcommittee members gave brief presentations on their progress but that priorities all depend upon some support from the County. Jim Onder was tasked by the subcommittee Chair to move forward in planning a meeting for businesses in cooperation with the Chamber and the WUDAC economic subcommittee.

**Other:** Sidney Cooper briefly discussed changes to the Taste of Wheaton event.

**Adjourn:** 7:05pm