

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

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

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday February 9, 2016

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

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

Guests: Tami Axelrod(MHP), Rebecca Peele(Aide to Del. Carr)

Call to Order: 6:41pm by Chair Janardan. A motion was made and passed to approve January Meeting Minutes without changes

Community Concerns: Tami Axelrod from MHP invited WUDAC members for a tour of their properties on Monday Feb. 29th at 6:30pm for background on affordable housing

Reports:

a. Wheaton Urban District-Director Montero-Diaz updated WUDAC on a redevelopment hearing held by the County Council. They will be adding two floors to the planned office building. This will allow them to add services there. They will be adding funding for this and also environmental and water table concerns and this will delay project completion. There was discussion on adding public WIFI to the project. Late 2019 is latest projected completion date.

There is a new manager, Emily Brophy, and marketing manager at Westfield Wheaton. They are getting a new vendor to deal with shopping cart problem

Wheaton Library will close March 13. Construction starts in July. Friends of the Library book sale will be moved to the Silver Spring library.

There was a meet and greet with Norie Sato, who has been selected as the Master Artist for the Town Square and Office Building Redevelopment project in the Wheaton Triangle, at Los Chorros on Feb. 8th.

The Urban District is working with LEDC to launch contact with small businesses affected by Redevelopment

Congratulations to Joe Callaway and the Clean and Safe team for their work during Snowzilla

Director Montero-Diaz informed members that the nominating process has begun for WUDAC's awards to be presented at the Chamber of Commerce gala in late April.

We need to schedule a subcommittee meeting with Sidney and Elise to brainstorm on events for the marketing calendar

b. Chamber of Commerce-William Moore reported on a breakfast meeting with Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen and the heads of local Chamber of Commerce representatives. He discussed Wheaton A&E boundaries and the A&E redesignation process with her

Business and Action Item Updates:

a. Community Character subcommittee-Dan Thompson presented a draft letter to the County Council concerning A&E. Discussion followed and the letter was withdrawn to gather more information.

b. Business and Economic Development-Chair Janardan led a discussion with WUDAC members of the Walking Tour scheduled for May 7th. Potential speakers, guests and tour sites were identified.

New Business: Director Montero-Diaz issued an informational letter on IMPACT Silver Spring and a brief introduction of their mission.

Next subcommittee meeting will be Feb. 22

Adjourn: 8:03pm