

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

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

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday June 09, 2015

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

Staff Present: Ana Lopez van Balen, Director, Mid-County Regional Center

Jewru Bandeh, Director, East County Regional Service Center

Guests: Ali Oliver-Kruger, resident. Tami Axelrod, resident. Marian Fryer, Wheaton Coalition. Andrew Rolle, resident

Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Devala Janardan followed by introduction of members and guests

Community Concerns: Andrew Rolle reminded WUDAC of his concern with linking Pedestrian Crosswalk signs automatically with traffic lights near Westfield.

Minutes: Motion was made and passed to approve May meeting minutes without changes.

Officer's Reports:

Chair: Devala announced that Ana Lopez van Balen's last day as Mid-County Director is June 27th. He thanked her for her service. They will have a small get together for her on June 22 at place TBA

Director: Ana reiterated that she is leaving at the end of the month. Jewru Bandeh will be the acting Director until a replacement is found.

We have two vacancies on WUDAC, one for business and one for residents. Announcement is on the County website. She also asked the Chamber of Commerce for help in promoting the vacancy.

She briefly mentioned work on the Parking Study and Traffic mitigation plans and that Costco will start picking up the carts at Metro.

Ana reviewed the Taste of Wheaton. Changes including the Zumba dance and beer garden went over well. She is not sure if the Taste will be on Grandview next year. She also noted that the TGIF Summer Series starts on Friday. There will be concerts while people wait for the Movies to start

Chamber of Commerce: William Moore reported that the Chamber wrote a letter of support for Devala Janardan to become the new Director of the Mid-County Regional Services Center.

Taste of Wheaton was discussed at Chamber BOD meeting. There were concerns of Yelp handing out flyers promoting a select group of businesses at the Urban District booth. Also discussed was a joint representation of the Chamber and WUDAC at the Kensington Labor Day parade

BRT: Mirza Donegan briefed WUDAC on a May 27th BRT Advisory committee meeting. She noted that they were given alternatives for the Veirs Mill corridor. She has a summary of the proposals for review for those interested and can accept comments until June 11.

Character Subcommittee: Derry Goberdhansingh conveyed an Oct. 31 tentative date for a Halloween parade, possibly in the area of Veteran's Park. The theme would focus on the Arts.

A&E/Redevelopment: Devala reported that the subcommittee had a discussion on what Wheaton will look like in the future, especially the use of low income/tax credit programs to shape development.

Old Business: Discussion of the future development of Wheaton ensued amongst members, including thoughts of writing a letter to the County on specific ideas of Residential and Commercial aspects of redevelopment. Topic was sent back to subcommittee for further discussion

New Business: Nominations for officers for the 2015-2016 term were entertained. Election will be held at the July meeting.

Other: Marian Fryer, guest from the Wheaton Coalition asked about the possibility of serving on the A&E subcommittee. She also informed us that she has information on Parades that have occurred in Wheaton in the past and she will share with WUDAC to help with planning.

Adjourn: 8:00pm