

# **Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)**

Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD

Call to Order:	Louis Mozzano, Chair		Respectfully Submitted by: Partap Verma, Acting Secretary			
Date/ Time:						
Attendees:	X Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)		Susanna Parker		X	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
	X Lynda Brooks	Х	Adam Lustig		X	Solomon, Jobe
	X Frank, Ron	X	Crystal Myers		X	Tankersley, Judy
	Gelman, Michael	X	Peter Wilson		X	Wright, Ursula
	X Mozzano, Louis (Chair)	X	Don Mewha		X	Partap Verma
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
	Kevin Jackson, Administrative Aide, Mid County Regional Service Center					
Guests:	Chief Darryl McSwain, Assistant Chief Nicole Adams, Chief Scott Goldstein, Pam					
	Marcus					

Call to Order: 7:04 PM by Louis Mozzano, Chair

<u>Introductions</u> – Members and guests introduced themselves with an emphasis on introduction and welcome of five new MCCAB members.

<u>Agenda/Minutes</u> – The Agenda was approved unanimously. Both the July 2018 and the September 2018 minutes were approved, with 2 abstentions for the July minutes and 1 from the September meeting.

# **Community Concerns** – None.

<u>Guest: -</u> The County's Fire and Rescue Chief Scott Goldstein provide an update.

- recent Public safety committee work session and savings plan on fire rescue. Current gap in fire budget (\$13 million) potential service reduction was rejected (3-0). Budget gap was due to increased costs for items like maintenance of vehicles and medicines. Council will have a final vote at next week's county council session.
- Reminder on heat source fire risks. For fireplaces that burn organic material, don't use vacuum to suck ashes. The transfer of ashes can result in potential fire. Always inspect your smoke detectors.
- Residents can call 311 for home Safety Checks.
- Aspen Hill Fire Station is doubling in size as part of renovation (2-year project).



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<u>Guest Speaker</u> – Chief Darryl McSwain, Commander of Park Police and Assistant Chief Nicole Adams

- Chief McSwain introduced himself and Asst Chief Adams and spoke about his vision as the new Chief of Police for MNCPPC.
- 421 parks in Montgomery County, 39,000 acres of parks
- 3-year strategic plan in 6 main areas
- Trust/legitimacy relationship building on the community level, dialogues with the community, internal committees to address issues, increase diversity
- Technology/Social Media upgrades WiFi in the parks, creating an app to reach police
- Adventure Club activities
- Partner with Non-profit entities on homeless issues and more youth-based programs
- Training ex. Implicit bias, cultural competency, de-escalation etc.
- Education

#### <u>Director Report</u>

Luisa Montero provided a written report. See attached and highlighted upcoming WUDAC meeting where MCDOT will talk about the bike path planned from Glenmont through Wheaton and some upcoming events.

Bob brought the issue of "elderly orphans" as a potential topic to address at the retreat. Luisa urged people to check out the Villages Movement in the County and an upcoming conference.

#### **Committee Reports**

# Joint Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning and Quality of Life

The Committees presented a draft agenda for the annual retreat. It was discussed and accepted. The retreat will be Nov  $1^{st}$  at 6 pm at Bob Schoenberg's house. Luisa will send logistical details and reminder. .

#### **Liaison Reports**

 Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee - Judy Tankersley added to her report from the last meeting. Assisted living homes now have a new permitting process and an initiative to improve coordination between MCDOT and Dept of Permitting services



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- Olney Town Center Advisory Committee no current liaison. Luisa will check into whether a liaison is needed at this point.
- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee -See Regional Service Director Montero's report. Luisa indicated that a supplemental appropriation had been requested by Councilmember Navarro to support the Small Business Assistance Program to support businesses impacted by County Construction projects. This far, the program has disbursed \$439,588 and \$174,873 in the fiscal year.

#### **Old Business**

None

# **New Business**

- Discussed drafting a letter to the Council and County Executive in response to the recent pedestrian safety concerns.
- Build on the letter sent by Council to the State
- Include encouragement to develop a comprehensive plan for Georgia Ave rather than piecemeal plans that includes innovative design elements
- Coordinate sector plans in Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills, Aspen Hill, Veirs Mill Corridor, etc. in the budget asks
- Partap will draft a letter that include the points made and circulate for review and edits.
- Board will vote on the letter at the November 20<sup>th</sup> full Board meeting

# <u>Adjournment</u>

Chair Mozzano adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm