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| **Call to Order:** | Francisco Romero, Chair | | | | **Respectfully Submitted by**:  Oriole Saah, Secretary | | |
| **Date/ Time:** | June 20, 2017; 7:00 PM ET | | | | | | |
| **Attendees:** | **X** | Adjogah, Mensah | **X** | Mozzano, Louis | |  | Rowden, David |
| **X** | Bonilla, Luis | **X** | Neuringer, Jason | | **X** | Saah, Oriole (Secretary) |
|  | vacant |  | Newman, Rick (Vice Chair) | |  | Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian) |
| **X** | Frank, Ron |  | Reed, Patrick | | **X** | Tankersley, Judy |
|  | Mansori, Hasan | **X** | Romero, Francisco (Chair) | |  | vacant |
| **Staff:** | Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center | | | | | | |
| **Guests:** | Commander Lanham, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), 4th District  Sargent Dan Helton, MCPD, Community Engagement Division  Chief Goldstein, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue  Molly Scott  Marilyn Balcombe  Susan Rich | | | | | | |

**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**: 7:02 PM by Francisco Romero without quorum

### **Update from** Commander Lanham, 4th District, Montgomery County Police

All major categories of crime down (no specific figures available). Two areas of concerns: theft from autos and auto thefts. Most often belongings or keys are left in unlocked cars. Thieves enter homes using garage door openers left in unlocked cars.

Investigation on double homicide at Wheaton Plaza still active.

Coffee with a Cop at Wheaton Plaza – commuters and others will attend on a week day morning.

Q: What is the budget status of body cameras?

A: Body cameras are now fully implemented. Anyone in uniform is now wearing one. Plain clothes officers are not wearing them.

Q: Regarding the homicide, understood that crime is on camera. Is there an issue with the legal definition of the crime committed?

A: Yes, it was on video. The Commander cannot speak beyond that.

Q: Regarding auto robbery and theft: are there known repeat offenders? What is MCPD doing about it?

A: MCPD employs a crimes analyst who looks at who might repeat in all areas with a focus on prevention.

Q: What can be done to address illegal neighborhood parking? Examples, parking too close to corners, on corners, too close to or blocking driveways?

A: There is not enough parking in older neighborhoods, not enough resources to patrol, people can’t afford tickets. Residents should call the non-emergency phone number to report issues.

Q: Regarding auto break-ins, are these primarily in residential areas?

A: Yes. People feel safe. This is a crime of opportunity.

Q: How is MCPD addressing recent trend in gang violence?

A: Special Investigation unit handles gang issues.

Q: How are police working with affected communities?

A: District level – Summer of Peace events involving HHS & others. Office Helton of the Community Engagement Division also responded – working with students and other groups.

Q: Are there programs aimed at gang suppression?

A: Arrests are used to suppress crime. Intervention and prevention programs are designed to help people avoid becoming involved in crimes, include things like mentoring, etc.

Q: Does MCPD monitor gang activity online?

A: MCPS pursues robust activities, cooperates with neighboring jurisdictions. Gangs “going dark” hampers efforts. No more colors and tattoos.

**Agenda** – Approved unanimously

**Minutes** – Approved unanimously

### **Update from** Fire Chief Goldstein

* Urged residents to pay attention to weather alerts and mentioned tornado that touched down in Dennis Avenue area this week. Two houses were significantly damaged.
* Discussed three area drownings and steps residents can take to avoid them.
* Urged everyone, while out having fun, to keep cell phones hand and “know your location” so help can get to you quickly if you need it.

Q: Can fire equipment reach top floors of new high-rises?

A: Standard 100 foot ladders can reach up seven floors at best, depending on how close truck can get to the building. Firefighters can enter buildings and access higher floors. Fires usually restricted to the affected unit of a hotel or apartment bulling. Can sometimes move outside between floors but siding or cladding of the type used in England is not used in the United States. We have a stronger fire code.

Q: Asked to speak to the difference between residential and commercial sprinkler system flow rates.

A: Residential systems are designed to allow occupants to get out safely. Commercial system as designed to protect the building as well as the people. New, inexpensive, effective, portable vapor mist systems work well.

Q: Is there a high incidences of false alarms? See trucks frequently.

A: Paramedics reach victims faster on fire trucks. Then ambulances arrive to transport. 71,000 people were transported to the hospital last year.

**Community Concerns** – Marilyn Balcombe, candidate for County Council, At Large, introduced herself. She is visiting all of the CABs.

Susan Rich, a visiting community member, urged residents to call police about parking issues. She also suggested researching low cost loans available through the county to build driveways.

**Director Report**

* Wheaton Redevelopment construction has started. Get updates at wehatonproject.com (was on MCDOT site but this is everything collected in one place).
* Public Information Office in County Executive’s Office is working on marketing and signage for the area: “Open for Business.”
* Wheaton Public Safety Task Force surveying how people get information about the area.
* County Council Building – new security protocol.
  + Only two entrances amiable (cafeteria, first floor parking garage)
  + must pass through metal detector
  + Starts early July
  + No new security measures at County Executive Building
* Manna – new distribution site at Glenmont United Methodist Church.
* CIP meeting – July 10 – need to plan format. Suggested “stations” for attendees to learn about areas (parks, DOT, etc.). But others preferred that all attendees hear all suggestions, as is done at operations budget forums. Board agreed that the officers and Luisa could determine the format and would notify the Board members of the format beforehand, so all would know what to expect at the event.

**Committee Reports**

**Land Use, Transpiration, & Zoning**

Ride-On representative spoke regarding how routes are generated and maintained. Needs 1.5 years of data to judge the effectiveness of a new route.

BRT

* County will implement a Ride-On express route along Rt. 355 BRT route (note: this option was never mentioned with regard to the Veirs Mill route).
* Considering including Q9 WMATA route as an alternative.
* Option 2.5 adopted for Veirs Mill.
* Option 3 approved for including in Master Plan (dedicated lanes and property purchases)

**Quality of Life**

Louis Mozzano reported.

* Park Improvements. See handout for details. The entire five year project will cost $5 million but funding will be requested in “chunks” as it progresses. MCCAB agreed to email appreciation for the presentation and support for the work to improve the park.
* Bike planning meeting – Bikeway plan on which MCCAB commented is one component of projects to improve bike access and safety across the county. Glenmont route not yet selected but the one we advocated for seems to have traction.

**Liaison Reports**

**Permitting Services** – Permitting is “enterprise,” meaning they generate their own funding. Stressed reduced time for permit and plan approvals. Publicizing “Design for Life” encouraging improvements for ADA, access. Need to increase marketing but need alternatives to high cost Ride On marketing. Also revising web page. Accep6ting suggestions for making it easier to use.

**Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**

Louis attended meeting – planning with outside contractors underway. Meeting drew good community involvement. Jiffy Lube consuming community attention.

**WUDAC**

Nominated officers. MCDOT, small business assistance office, and site construction management attended meeting to provide updates on the Revitalization Project. Parking issues addressed using new striping and reserved spaces. Tie backs were finalized before construction began.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Oriole raised the question of changing the Committee meeting day. Luisa will look at room availability.

Nominations:

LUTZ Chair – Judy, Louis

Quality of Life – Oriole (pending scheduling), Louis, Bob

Parliamentarian – Bob

Secretary – Oriole

Vice Chair – Louis, Ron

Chair – Louis, Francisco (tentative)

Francisco thanked everyone for supporting him and for a good year, working as a group.

*Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 9:07 pm.*