



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Summary

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

Call to Order:	Francisco Romero, Chair			Respectfully Submitted by: Oriole Saah, Secretary	
Date/Time:	October 17, 2017; 7:00 PM ET				
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Romero, Francisco (Chair)	Solomon, Jobe
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank, Ron (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rowden, David	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gelman, Michael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saah, Oriole (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wright, Ursula
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sapper, Masha	Vacant
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reed, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert <small>(Parliamentarian)</small>	Vacant
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center				
Guests:	Steve Morrison				

Call to Order: 7:06 PM by Francisco Romero (without quorum)

Introductions & Welcome to New Board Members

Luisa shared sad news of the passing of Judy Tankersly’s daughter’s passing. Judy will be in California for an unknown period of time, so a new LUZT Chair should be named. Luisa will share Judy’s home address and send a card signed on behalf of the Board.

Achieved quorum

Agenda – Approved unanimously

Minutes – Approved as amended

Guest Speakers – Luisa announced that Commander Laura Lanham has been promoted to Assistant Chief. Captain Marc Yamada will be acting Commander of District 4.

Community Concerns – Steve Morrison brought up several issues

- Trees he mentioned last meeting are now marked with orange paint, but not happening fast enough
- 2016 fire at his house caused by aluminum wiring in control panel and was out of his house for ten months. The length of time was caused by a shortage of PEPCO lineman. There is a national shortage of lineman. Similarly, losing trees to the Emerald Ash Bore. There is a shortage of people to remove dead trees. He recommends teaching these skills to inmates.
- Queensguard needs more street lights. Same on Post and East Gate Lanes.



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- Experienced an issue with the calculation of his property taxes while his house was not occupied due to the fire. Government employees were not helpful, the policy is not clear.
- Document shredding – government offices should make shredders available to members of the public who need to use them. MCCAB members gave him various resources he can use for shredding.

Luisa shared a concern received via email from Ron Powell and forwarded to members via email: concern about the health issues caused by small cell towers. He wanted to alert MCCAB members to the existence of an effort to approve the use of small cell towers around Montgomery County. There will be a public meeting on the issue on Monday, October 23 at the Executive Office Building.

Susan Rich sent a message as well. The Washington Post eliminated the Local Living Community Calendar. She is asking MCCAB to write to Leggett to ask him to advocate to the Post to preserve the calendar.

Director Report

- Details posted separately.
- Shared information about the Oaks Landfill Solar project
- Community matching funds, up to \$1,000, still available to community organizations.

Committee Reports

Will need an Acting Chair during Judy Tankersley's absence. Because both committees plan to work together to develop questions, a decision was made to meet jointly and have Louis chair until Judy returns.

Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning and Quality of Life met jointly at the annual retreat

Issues of importance

- Economic Development
 - Glenmont Shopping Center
 - Invite David Petr to December or January meeting
 - Leventhal will be speaking at November meeting
 - Invite Clarence Snuggs to December or January meeting
 - January also budget forum
 - Invite David Dyse, DGS, to a future meeting
- Questions for Leventhal
 - Specific ideas or plans for redevelopment of Glenmont Shopping Center?



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- What are your ideas about creating and maintaining affordable housing for people who cannot afford MPDUs?
- Focus questions by asking “what ideas do you have about ... ?” Avoid “what are your plans for ... ?”
- Tax incentives to attract businesses?
- Focus on neighborhoods, not just bringing new businesses?
- For Economic Development – what is your goal for bringing new business? Ideas for mid-county? Share our ideas for what this area needs.
- Early Childhood Education – how do we pay for it?
- STEM – idea to improve access to STEM education for low income students, help them get into the workforce.
- How will he monitor what WorkSource & the Economic Development Corp are doing to match MCPS graduates with positions needed?
- Arts & Humanities venue in downtown Wheaton?

Liaison Reports

Permitting Services – will select an acting liaison, if needed, at the November meeting

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee – Committee received a presentation on the FY19 CIP. Not much movement right now. Continued concern expressed regarding future Jiffy Lube but excitement for Chic-fil-a.

WUDAC – Arts Parade went well. Focusing on impacts of redevelopment project.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Announcement: MCCPTA CIP Presentation on 10/24, 6:30 at CESC
- New form of transportation debuted in the area: GPS dockless bikes – county placed no restriction on the number to be deployed in Montgomery County. Louis the now the manager for the DC region, planning to introduce 250 over the next four to five weeks. Will be located near major public spaces such as Metro stops, street corners near high-rise buildings, areas people use to go to/from work. DC already regulates these bikes. Montgomery County may need to consider regulations. Competition for bike share? Hasn't been an issue in other major jurisdictions – different pricing structure.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 8:55 pm.