

Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Summary

Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD

| Call to Order: | Oriole Saah, Secretary in the absence of Francisco Romero, Chair and Rick Newman, Vice Chair | | | | Respectfully Submitted by: Judy Tankersley, LUZT Chair | | |
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| Date/ Time: | October 18, 2016; 7:00 PM ET | | | | | | |
| Attendees: | | Adjogah, Mensah | X | Mansori, Hasan | | | Saah, Oriole (Secretary) |
| | | Bonilla, Luis | | Neuringer, Jason | | X | Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian) |
| | X | Curtain, Tom | | Newman, Rick (Vice Chair) | | | |
| | X | Intoccia, Gregory | | Romero, Francisco (Chair) | | X | Tankersley, Judy |
| | | Vacant | X | Rowden, David | | | Ward, Muriel |
| Staff: | Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center | | | | | | |
| Guests: | Lt. Michael Hartnett, MCP – District 4 | | | | | | |
| | Vikki Garcia, Community Outreach Specialist, Office of John Sarbanes, US Congress, | | | | | | |
| | 3 rd District | | | | | | |
| | Kyle Vaughan, Outreach for Delegate Alfred Carr, Maryland General Assembly | | | | | | |

<u>Call to Order</u>: 7:03 PM by Secretary Oriole Saah

Introductions

Agenda – No quorum present

Minutes – No quorum present

Old Business:

Reminder of annual retreat scheduled for November 3rd, which will include overall planning for the year.

Presentation:

Lt. Hartnett from Montgomery County Police reported to the group. The Department is scheduling local area outreach through town hall type settings. One is scheduled for October 27, at 7 pm, at Viers Mill Baptist Church and will include the Fire Chief, Code Enforcement, and Lt Harnett, representing King sector - the area within Wheaton Sector 4, a segment bound by Randolph Road at Kennedy HS, Layhill to the ICC, Norbeck to Baltimore Rd to Viers Mill, back to Randolph. Similar meetings are scheduled for Olney in Nov/Dec and Wheaton, following that.



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Crime over the last three months in King Sector, Mid County area, showed robberies were down, and burglaries were up. Lt. Hartnett reiterated the importance of preventing crimes of convenience by locking cars, even within garages, and removing valued items from cars. Lt Hartnett reported on the late afternoon altercation in Wheaton CBD the previous evening among young men that started with street robberies and ended with escalated group interaction leading to arrests. Teen gang affiliations appear to have been a factor in the event.

Lt Harnett also reported on the dangers of what he described as "Wood Chucks, unlicensed individuals usually with VA vehicle tags, who target older residents with escalating yard, roof, and tree work that is not performed and/or not needed, but collecting thousands of dollars. One local victim spent over \$200 thousand dollars. He advised caution and for neighbors to be aware of the danger to older neighbors. Some recent legislation has stiffened the penalties, but prevention remains key by reporting such wandering workers.

Particular concerns from residents continue to be the Wheaton Metro Garage, and Wheaton Metro itself. Lt. Hartnett urged participation in Citizen Academy Training through the Police Department, and participation in the Ride Along program with regular patrol officers. His email address is Michael.Hartnett@MontgomeryCoundyMd.gov.

Community Concerns:

None submitted.

Director Report

Luisa Montero reported updates affecting the Regional Service Center. The Dept of General Services still aims at moving all tenants in the 2424 Reedie Drive building by January. Wheaton Interim Library re-opens with books after the election. Glenmont Fire Station has ribbon cutting on October 26. Ross Boddy Rec Center has ribbon cutting on Oct 29. Metro's plans to cut operating hours are being discussed. Marriott will move to central Bethesda. Gude Landfill Use meeting is later this week. Montgomery Moving Forward meets next Nov 17, with a topic of quality child care. Ms. Montero indicated that new members should be appointed and confirmed in time for the November MCCAB meeting.

Ms. Montero announced 3 Upcoming Opportunities for Interaction for MCCAB.

1) Joint Executive Committees of the 5 CABs to meet Nov 30.

December 14, Panel on Leadership Montgomery - daytme meeting, MCCAB rep



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Liaison Reports

- 1) Permitting Services: No Liaison reports as Permitting Services group does not meet until to describe what we do.
- 2) December 15, Annual Legislative Breakfast 7-9 am She concluded with request that MCCAB needs to name a representative to WUDAC. That group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Committee Reports

Quality of Life

Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning: The Committee brought a draft letter for consideration regarding the Veirs Mill Rd. BRT. Draft presented and discussed. Judy Tankersley will circulate draft with revisions to Committee members, in order to present again to November MCCAB meeting.

November

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee: Representative was absent

WUDAC – Ms. Montero presented during her report

New Business

None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourned meeting approved at 9:00 pm.