

## **EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (ECCAB)**

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center  
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**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Christopher Bolton, William Bentley, Samantha Blizzard, Donald Hague, Subramanyan Chebium, Roberta Goldberg, Wendy Johnson, Len Newman, Kimberly Price-Evans, Pamela Ruiz, Jerold Samet, Sebastian Smoot, Tamar Ruth, Fisseha Adugna, Kenneth Flemmer, Rachael Evans

**Members Absent:** Sharon Brown, Margruetta Hall

**Guests Present:** Ed Weiler, Dan Wilhelm, Peter Myokhin, Lt. Bruce Cole, Andre' Vainqueur, Margie Goergen-Rood, Gene Gooden, Mensah Adjogah, Craig Wilson, Allen Granam, E. Rosari

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Linda Cooper

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

**Approval of the November 6, 2019 Meeting Summary:** Approved unanimously.

**Presentation by Special Guest: Census 2020-Let Everyone Count:** Guest Presenter, Shawn Ellis (Montgomery County 2020 Census Manager) Shared PowerPoint accessible from website and he will share copy of report with Board (Website has all documents accessible that were referenced in presentation-

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census/>

- What we're doing differently? Why work is important?
- Reviewed basics of What is the Census? A count of residents and households
- First time census will be able to complete census online
- There will need to be more outreach to get census completed because it will not be funded as it was in 2010
- For every missed person off census we (in Montgomery County) lose money \$18,000+
- Mid-March all households will receive invite to go online to complete in 12 different languages
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Census Day (April 20-27 final reminder post card) estimate about 10 minutes to complete
- Census data is confidential and safe and cannot be shared with other agencies/law enforcement
- Specifically for MoCo, there are 5 regional sub committees to increase participation with a culturally sensitive approach
- ECCC subcommittee meeting and work session here at 6:30pm for the census

- Hard-to-Count groups is a technical term (however, “under-counted groups” is preferred)
- East County/Fairland is at the top of the under-counted in all of Montgomery County
- Encouraged 4 ways to support census 2020 [census.gov/jobs](https://census.gov/jobs)
- Requested for a member of the ECCAB to serve on Census 2020 for the master plan- ECCAB is represented on the Census Committee

**Presentation by Special Guest: Diane Vu (Director, Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships) summary notes:**

- Ensures that under-represented voices are heard at policy table
- Ensures our government is culturally competent
- OCP oversees the county’s citizenship program
- OCP started under Duncan (office of multicultural affairs), Leggett, Elrich continued
- Immigration policy and resources available
- Reiterated the invite to attend next week
- Daughter of Vietnamese refugees...her context and how she got here frames her work
- Welcoming inclusive and equitable work, 43<sup>rd</sup> in size of county
- Public can get OCP programs, services and statistics info from OCP website
- Reiterated the new social justice and equity bill along with the County Executive’s 7 priorities
- OCP name will change to Office of Community Partnerships and Civic Engagement
- Promoting community trust (police cooperate with ICE policies)
- Community liaisons “foot soldiers” to build bridges and trust
- Gilchrist Center importance emphasized

**Updates from Chairs of Planning/Economic Development and Quality of Life/Services Committees:**

- Chair of PED Committee: will share an unofficial list of updates via email
  - Burtonsville signage and committee meeting reminder for Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at Marilyn Praisner Library in Burtonsville hosted by the ECCAB PED Committee
  - Priorities Update: Viva White Oak, Montgomery County Public Schools Boundaries Analysis, 2020 Subdivision Staging Policy. Updates will be shared later after survey data comes in, including a list of potential speakers
- Chair QLS Committee
  - Next meeting will be Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. New ideas for priorities welcomed
  - Adult literacy will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting

## **Updates from the East County Regional Services Office Director, County Council Staff and Police-Police 3D/4D:**

### **East County Regional Office Director's report included:**

- New senior apartment to open possibly in March/April of 2020
- Flash US 29 (Bus Rapid Transit) Briggs Chaney Lot station opening next year as well
- Please continue to read through the email blasts and weekly enewsletter that the Regional office sends out

### **County Council Representative for Evan Glass**

- Announced Sydney Katz new President of County Council and Tom Hucker is the new Vice President (get notes at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Glass/contacts.html>)

### **Update from Police-Police 3D/4D:**

- **Lt. Bruce Cole, MCPD 3<sup>rd</sup> District** (Commander Frank Stone introduced Corp. Todd Archer new to 3D and Robert Phillips, 4D)
- Rooster crimes-animal cruelty (cock fighting) report
- Alcohol task force-DUI arrests
- Cherry Hill Sunoco crime update
- Castle Terrace crime update

### **Update from ECCAB Chair**

- Chair visited the Marilyn J. Praisner Library and was impressed
- ECCAB/PED and QLS Committees
- Thanksgiving baskets given away by Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington
- Hillandale & Burtonsville Holiday Toy Collections through the fire departments

### **New Business: Next meeting reminders**

- Invitation to Select ECCAB Representative on the Montgomery County Planning Department's Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group (Sebastian Smoot was elected to represent ECCAB)
- ECCAB/PED Committee meeting- 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2019 at the M.J. Praisner Library in Burtonsville.
- QLS Committee meeting- 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the East County Regional Services Center
- ECCAB meeting - 7:00 p.m., January 8, 2019 at the East County Regional Services Center (not January 1, 2020)

### **Old Business/Additional Community Comments/Input: None**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.