

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, October 2, 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, Sharon Brown; Fisseha Adugna, Rachel Evans

Members Absent: Margo Hall, Ken Flemmer

Guests Present: Ed Weiler, Dan Wilhelm, JoAnn Barnes, Lt. S.A. Flynn, Robert Duncan, Lt. Bruce Cole, Vivian Aguayo, Andre' Vainqueur, Brian Anleu, Vicki Garcia, Rob Richardson, Margaret Poore, Margie Goergen-Rood, Ana Mejia, Jonathan Genn, Mensah Adjogah, Heather Phelps, Tom Phelps, Craig Wilson, Andrea Nunez

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh, Linda Cooper

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Approval of the September 4, 2019 Meeting Summary: Approved

Presentation by Special Guest: Khalid Afzal, Special Projects Manager, Montgomery County Planning Department. He provided an overview of "Thrive Montgomery 2050 - Updating Montgomery County's General Plan." His presentation included information on:

- What is the General Plan?
- General Plan Refinement-Goals and Objectives
- Current Local Area Master and Sector Plans
- Where we are today-strengths, assets, trends and challenges
- Strategic framework-economic base, community equity and environmental resilience
- Drivers of change
- Outreach and community engagement leading to a draft plan
- Studies and other initiatives
- Project timelines

Mr. Afzal's presentation was followed by a brief questions and answers session

Election of 2019-2020 ECCAB Officers: Election of ECCAB was held as follows: President (Christopher Bolton), Vice-President (William Bentley), Parliamentarian (Jerold Samet), and Secretary (Tamar Ruth)

Updates from Chairs of PED and QLSI Committees:

Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Committee (Sebastian Smoot) shared information regarding the Burtonsville Gateway Signage Public Meeting that was held Wednesday, September 25th and that feedback is still being solicited.

Chair of the Quality of Life/Services Committee (Don Hague) referenced this evening's presentation by Mr. Afzal and the current Equity thrust of County Council as very timely and relevant to QL/SI areas that his committee looks forward to hearing more about and addressing along with ECCAB

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:

- Community was thanked for volunteer support of the Burtonsville Day Parade and Festival on Saturday, September 21st.
- Discussion was had to change the date for the East County FY2021 Operating Budget Forum with County Executive from Wednesday, October 9th (falling on a holiday) to a new date - Wednesday, November 13, 2019

County Council Representative for Nancy Navarro:

- Craig Wilson shared briefly about upcoming bills being sponsored by the Council (Crown Bill, Vaping Bill, ZTA/cell tower)

Police-Police 3D/4D: Lt. Stacey Flynn and LT. Bruce Cole

- Encouraged community to let the County Council know their thoughts and comments regarding the potential appointment of Marcus Jones as Police Chief, who has been very active in East County
- Briefly shared information about the recent disruption during the Paint Branch High School football game and next steps being considered by the county to avoid future riot type concerns

New Business: ECCAB/PED and QLS Committees sponsored November 13, 2019, 7:00 pm - East County FY20 Operating Budget Forum at the East County Regional Services Center

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.