

# WESTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center  
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order at Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present.** Heather Dlhopsky, Chair; Daniel Hoffman, Vice Chair; Jane Boynton; Jad Donohoe; Tara Flynn; Jeffrey Hearle; Fritz Hirst; Aileen Klein; Sue Knapp; Marc Korman; Virginia Miller.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the Board's meeting on January 17, 2012 were approved as previously distributed to the members, except that Fritz Hirst was added to the list of members present at that meeting.

**Directors Report.** Kenneth Hartman reported the following:

1. METRO will hold an open forum at Regional Services Center on February 27, 2012. The forum will start at 6:00 pm and will be followed at 7:00 pm by a public hearing on METRO's FY2013 budget and fare proposals.
2. The BLOG operated by the Regional Services Center can be accessed on the Center's web site. See <http://bethesdaservice.blogspot.com/>

**County Council Report.** Cindy Gibson, aide to Council President Roger Berliner, reported on (1) hearings the council has held on the county's FY 2013-2019 capital budget and will be holding on FY 2013 operating budget, (2) legislation being considered by the state general assembly to require the county to take responsibility for all or a portion of the county teachers' pension obligations and (3) zoning text amendments under consideration by the Council that would require mixed-use projects within one-half mile of metro stations.

**Community Forum.** The major matters discussed during the community forum were as follows:

1. Mayor Debbie Beers, Town of Glen Echo advised the Board that the town was considering use of a stop sign camera to deal with a continuing problem of vehicles running a stop sign on Oxford Road at University Avenue.

2. David Berg of the Civic League of Brookmont, Brad Northrup, and Harry Pfohl of Glen Echo Heights advised the Board of the status of the Intelligence Community Campus planned for the Sangamore Road site of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Citizen leaders have been working with federal officials on the questions that have been raised concerning storm water, remediation, traffic and deforestation. The National Capital Planning Commission approved the construction plan for the campus on February 2, 2012.

**Board Letters.** The Board discussed two draft letters –

1. The first draft, regarding the FY 2013-2019 Capital Budget and addressed to County Executive Isiah Leggett, was prepared by the Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Board decided to send the letter as previously distributed in draft to the members with revisions reflecting the discussion during the meeting. In the letter, as approved, the Board expresses support for local needs, including funding the Bethesda Metro South Entrance, building school capacity projects and site selection for the North Bethesda Community Recreation Center.
2. The second draft, regarding the FY 2013 Operating Budget and addressed to Council President Roger Berliner, was prepared by the Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee. The Board decided to send the letter as previously distributed in draft to the members with revisions reflecting the discussion during the meeting. The letter, as approved, highlights school resource officers, libraries, transit, and pedestrian safety among local priorities requiring additional funding in the coming year.

**New Business.** The Board discussed several items of new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.