



## Friends of White Oak Minutes

February 11, 2020

7:00 to 8:30pm

East County Regional Services Center

Members present were Kim, Elisse, Dave, Rachael, Ken, Rob, Brian, Barry and Pete (staff). Shana, Fatmata, Shane, Chris, June and Bruce were necessarily absent.

- Elisse and Dave welcomed everyone and noted the January 11, 2020 Minutes were approved by email. The agenda and minutes were made available to the public and posted on the website.
- Guest Speaker: Jewru Bandeh, the Director of the East County Regional Services Center. Jewru gave a description of his responsibilities, what the ECRSC does for the community and the boundaries of his turf. We reviewed several partnerships and White Oak projects such as the BRT, Montgomery College, Mobil Med, job recruitment fairs, and the County's Biz Solutions. Jewru then took questions. Ken asked about the recent house crimes in Burnt Mills which Jewru said he is working closely with the new D2 Commander.
- Project Review: William Carbaugh, the Senior Vice President, Leasing at Guardian Realty Management, Inc. gave an overview of their proposed new Baskin Robbins and Duncan Donuts along New Hampshire Avenue. There will be a drive thru, but traffic study shows no net change in in volume. FOWO request Pete send a letter of support to the Planning Staff.
- Updates - Comments
  - Elisse discussed the early voting poll for White Oak being considered by the General Assembly. At the January 29, 2020 meeting of the House Ways & Means, the bill was very well supported. Rachel noted there is a campaign to advocate for the 12<sup>th</sup> site.
  - Pete mentioned the LATIP study for Hillandale, which is affiliated with the Duffie projects, will be completed soon. Shana requested the study be shared with the FOWO.

- Pete also noted he continues to work with DIT and PIO for changes to the White Oak Website.
  - Shana requested we discuss the New Hampshire Avenue Flash Bus Transit and support the project in the CIP
  - FOWO also requested an update on the Hillandale Park which Pete will investigate.
  - Dave reported that Shane, Brian, Jonathan Genn and he have been looking at the incorporating process for FOWO and he has been consulting Amy Ginsburg of the Friends of White Flint.
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- From the Public – Opportunity to Bring up a Topic Not on the Agenda
    - No comments
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- Adjourn (8:55)