



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Members present: Adam, Susanna, Mensah, Michael, Kurt, Alan, Louis, Simone, Judy, Crystal

Guests: Councilmember Evan Glass, Charter Review Commission Chair George Margolis, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Glass Bianca Lora

Staff: Luisa Montero, Shawn Morris, Jake Adler, Kevin Simpson

Time	Topic	Notes
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order & Welcome Meeting Protocols	7:02 – meeting is called to order
7:05 p.m.	Introductions Agenda Minutes	7:07 – All board members approved the agenda for 9/15/20 board meeting. 7:08 – All board members approved the minutes from the July and August meeting.
7:10 p.m.	Guest	<p>Evan Glass (Councilmember at Large) – 6 ballot questions (4 county & 2 state)</p> <p>Councilmember Glass joined the MCCAB meeting tonight to talk about two upcoming referendums in the upcoming election. He specifically talked about questions C & D. Both of these questions directly address the make-up of the Montgomery county council.</p> <p>Question C expands the county council to 11 total, with the two additional members being at-large members. The councilmember, who authored this question, supports this question.</p> <p>Question D eliminates the at-large positions and creates 9 geographic councilmember positions. The councilmember opposes this question.</p> <p>There are many questions regarding how the boundaries would be determined under question D and unclarity how the county would proceed if both C and D were approved.</p> <p>Prior to leaving, Councilmember Glass mentioned that 40 mail-in ballot drop boxes will be located throughout the county and over 200,000 residents have requested mail-in ballots.</p>
7:30 p.m.	Community Concerns	None

7:40 p.m.	Guest	George Margolis – Charter review commission voted in support of keeping the current structure of the county council (5-4). They determined that having at-large councilmembers provided a greater voice for individuals
8:00 p.m.	Mid-County Updates	<p>County building is being moved into and the Wheaton arts parade will be moving virtual.</p> <p>Census efforts are still ongoing, currently going on the assumption last day is 9/30 (there is currently a court challenge in CA to push back the day)</p> <p>Dennis Ave bridge project – it will be a very large project and DOT is starting to inform the community about it (won't take place until 2022).</p>
8:10 p.m.	Committee Reports	<p>Committee Meetings – Budget forum season is upcoming – last year we tried to generate some of the issues / questions / priorities that we wanted to bring to the budget forum. Are there priorities that we would like to make (either operating or capital). Priorities shared include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued funding for transportation • Road paving & resurfacing • Housing and food support • Ensuring that we provide targeted, strategic recommendations given the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. <p>CIP budget forum will be on October 8th.</p>
8:15 p.m.	Liaison Reports	<p>Olney Liaison – Alan reported that there has been no movement on the development of Olney town center / civic center. Jim Smith, the president of the Olney town center advisory committee, is coming to speak with us during the November board meeting. The 2017 report (its on DGS website) focused on the construction of an outdoor space but did not address any indoor space. The development of a civic center (or other indoor spaces) would help create a community center for Olney.</p> <p>Reimagining Public Safety task force – Simone reported that work began in August and the work of the task force is set for a 4 month period (January 18, 2021) – they have been tasked with making actionable recommendations on how the public can reimagine public safety. Community, county departments, local unions, and police to look at how the county can rethink / reshape services can be provided in a more equitable way.</p> <p>WUDAC Update – Most of the items addressed were what Luisa covered (streeteries are doing very well) – Wheaton rebranding (new logo and materials).</p>

<p>8:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Old Businesses</p>	<p>Budget forums –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics of the CIP budget forums • Mid-County will host its own CIP budget forum (county executive and agency representatives will attend) – October 8th • There will be a specific discussion on the impact of COVID • There will be 5 breakout groups – transportation, education, recreation/parks/libraries, environment, and health & human services (and other items that don't fit into the other groups) • Volunteers were selected to moderate each of the 5 breakouts <p>Member recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application acceptance has closed. We will put together an interview committee to meet candidates. <p>Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two phased retreat this year: First phase on October 1st – what are our priorities going to be
<p>8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>New Business</i></p>	<p>Concerns regarding the purple line were expressed.</p>
<p>8:45 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Adjourn</i></p>	<p><i>Adjourned at 8:58</i></p>

NOTE: Next MCCAB Meeting will be October 20, 2020 on ZOOM

Committee Meetings: October Committee meetings will be held on October 1st on Zoom.