



**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.**

**Board members:** *Susanna Parker, Adam Lustig, Michael Gelman, Arquilla Ridgell, Alan Sachs, Judy Tankersly, Crystal Myers, Bob Hardie, Serge Thomas, Louis, Mensah Adjogah, Simone Walton*

**Guests:** *Jim Smith, Daniel Parra, Rob Fox, Shane Pollin, Bianca Lora (Councilmember Glass), Margaret Rifkin, Jerome Fletcher, Daniel Parra, Ben Wu*

**Staff:** *Jake Adler, Luisa Montero-Diaz, Shawn Morris, Kevin Simpson*

Time	Topic	Notes
7:00 p.m.	<p><b>Call to Order &amp; Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Protocols</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting called to order at 7:05</i></p>
7:05 p.m.	<p><b>Agenda Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Attendee Introductions</b></p>	<p>March 2021 agenda and February 2021 meeting minutes were approved</p> <p>Board members and guests introduced themselves.</p>
7:10 p.m.	<b>Guest Presenters</b>	<p>Jerome Fletcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic response has taken on the form of multiple work groups as part of the Recovery framework- List of different business sectors, i.e., small business, retail &amp; restaurant, hospitality, biotech, etc.</li> <li>• Latest public health order relaxes some restrictions and raises capacities in different environments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes entertainment industry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Glenmont shopping center is still a focus for the County Executive and Councilmember Navarro</li> <li>• County now operates 3 incubators</li> </ul> <p>Ben Wu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCED– only 5 years old. An industry led board of executives but its independent</li> <li>• Main focus is to attract, retain and expand businesses</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County executive has also asked them to play a crucial role in getting businesses on their side – also to help mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on businesses</li> <li>• Helps operate the local production fund, teleassistance fund and helped issues related to the restaurant relief grants</li> <li>• Priorities: focus on key industry sectors; expand entrepreneurship, increase access to capital, address inequity, grow partnerships, enhance collaboration</li> <li>• Speed to market initiative – effort to streamline business development, public-private working group</li> <li>• Bio bootcamps – provide training and workforce development services to county residents in collaboration with local colleges</li> <li>• Glenmont shopping center – 13 different owners on a single property</li> <li>• Local production fund had over 70% women and minority owned businesses</li> </ul>
7:50 p.m.	<p><b>County Council</b></p> <p><b>Mid-County Regional Office Director Report</b></p>	<p><i>Bianca Lora (Councilmember Evan Glass)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council passed legislation to expand the match grants STTR SBIR small businesses in life sciences, medical centers</li> <li>• Clear our sidewalks act – Bill to require DOT to remove snow from sidewalks in busy walkways</li> <li>• Open meetings Bill for MCEDC – makes it so they are publicly available and recorded</li> </ul> <p>MC Regional Office Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council committees will be meeting through April on the FY22 Operating Budget, and full council vote will be May 10-20. If we want to comment it needs to be done prior to then.</li> <li>• Councilmember Albornoz would like to talk MCCAB in May or June</li> <li>• Anthony Featherstone, new CEO of WorkSource --- making alot of changes to workforce development</li> </ul>
8:00 p.m.	<b>Community Concerns</b>	
8:10 p.m.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of Life / Land Use, Zoning &amp; Transportation</li> </ul>	<b>Priority for next committee meeting will be to discuss the budget</b>

<p><b>8:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Liaison Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dept of Permitting Services Adv. Comm.</li> <li>• Wheaton Urban Dist. Adv. Committee</li> <li>• Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group</li> <li>• Recovery Community Advisory Group</li> <li>• Veirs Mill Corridor BRT Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC)</li> <li>• Mid-County COVID Community Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Judy Tankersley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting in May and August – 11 member committee – appointees by executive and approved by council (MCCAB will need a replacement)</li> </ul> <p><b>Crystal Myers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheaton art mural is down to three finalists</li> <li>• Wheaton gateway – sketch plan phase, 325 units – 30% affordable – food hall is not looking likely</li> </ul> <p><b>Michael Gelman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian satisfaction experience survey results released</li> </ul> <p><b>Adam Lustig</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRAG meeting focused on vaccine distribution efforts</li> </ul> <p><b>Alan Sachs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OTCAC is evaluating its efforts to date</li> </ul> <p><b>Arquilla Ridgell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre registration events in Wheaton and Aspen Hill. Volunteers can be trained as Medical Reserve Corp or general assistance through the Volunteer Center.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8:35 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p><b>8:40 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>New Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mid-County COVID Community Committee</li> </ul>	<p>See above.</p>
<p><b>8:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:48</p>

**If you have questions about an agenda item, please call (240)346-1016.**