



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Board Members: *Susanna Parker, Michael Gelman, Judy Tankersley, Ayhanna Booker, Bob Hardie, Crystal Myers, Serge Thomas, Arquilla Ridgell, Serge Thomas, Mensah Adjogah, Alan Sachs, Simone Walter, Adam Lustig*

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

Guests: *Gabe Albornoz (Montgomery County Council), Anthony Featherstone (WorkSource Montgomery), Jay Elvove (community)*

Time	Topic	Notes
7:00 p.m.	<p>Call to Order & Welcome</p> <p>Meeting Protocols</p> <p>Introduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 7:03 Members provided introductions
7:05 p.m.	<p>Agenda Minutes</p> <p>Attendee Introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda for May meeting was approved Minutes from April Board meeting were approved with proposed amendments to include bullet on discussion around the budget letter
7:10 p.m.	Presenter	<p><u>Council Vice President Gabe Albornoz discussed the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pandemic recovery Eviction protections -- 11,000 county residents in the cue for eviction Food security hubs Received significant support from the feds (\$170 mil + \$212 mil) – sustain many of the operations (e.g., rental assistance program) Clarified county stance on health orders Straw vote on county executive’s budget – fully funded schools and college Funds for economic development Funding the hhs budget (increased by 8%) <p><u>Questions from the Board</u></p> <p><i>How is the County focusing economic development activities in mid-county?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic development corporation Funds for hospitality space Permitting services improvements

		<p><i>How is the county addressing evictions given people are reluctant to go back to work?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced state eitc and federal support (CTC) • County enacted a policy that a state of eviction will extend beyond the states (6 months after state’s ends) • Also supporting social services (case workers, proactively reaching out to them, etc.) • And with landlords (although rather limited) <p><i>How is county redistricting going?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope is that they can finish by November (census data is late so its not a guarantee) <p><i>How have federal funds been used?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard pay • Telework shift • Providing support to social service organizations • Economic development and growth • Some capital expenditures • Money is all spent down <p><i>What is the status or planned status for recreation centers and libraries?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More buildings open in July (a lot of sites have been used as homeless shelters or vaccination sites) <p><i>What is the county doing to address lingering issues of the pandemic and how is the County Council thinking about sustaining funding?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gun sales increased 300% • A lot of behavioral health issues they are seeing – the county did not have the capacity. • Mobile crisis units • Food security – food hubs • Innovation – tripling down on telehealth and teleinformation • Reclamation tax is basic ally nonexistent – no one is buying commercial property – county is looking at incentives related to this <p><i>What are the types of “healthy” jobs available and how is the county supporting these efforts?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical • Hospitality capital – Marriott • White flint (biomedical recruitment) • Cybersecurity
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<p>8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Guest</p>	<p><u>Anthony Weatherstone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided job searching services (free for all candidates) • Aptitude assessments • Fiscal services • Occupational skills training • Pay for individuals to go to training – upskill, crosswalk or other skills • Employment extensions along with training/school • Job assistance program (paid internship) • Employer services— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using employer portal ○ Bio bootcamp • Mobile workforce on wheels – 2 vehicles to help with marketing and signing people up for services • Construction pre-apprenticeship (\$1,000 incentive to participate) • Dislocated worker training program <p><u>Questions from the Board</u></p> <p><i>What training for biotech industry and what type of jobs do they get?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will follow up <p><i>Any programs for older or aging workers?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature workers program <p><i>What kind of employers utilize worksource?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy cross • Restaurant industry • IT and cybersecurity – still a big demand • Transportation
<p>8:20 p.m.</p>	<p>County Council Mid-County Regional Office Director Report</p>	<p>A written update was provided in lieu of an verbal update.</p>
<p>8:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	
<p>8:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Committee Reports • Quality of Life / Land Use, Zoning & Transportation</p>	<p>No significant committee updates</p>

8:40 p.m.	Liaison Reports (Deferred) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Draft Climate Action Plan • Dept of Permitting Services Adv. Comm. • Wheaton Urban Dist. Adv. Committee • Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group • Recovery Community Advisory Group • Veirs Mill Corridor BRT Advisory Committee • Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) • Re-Imagining Public Safety Report 	
8:40 p.m.	Old Business	
8:40 p.m.	New Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for FY22 Officers • Nominations for Chamber Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for 2021-2022 Officers • Wade Holland (VisionZero) will be joining the June Board meeting • Mission first housing – redevelopment of synagogue for older adult housing
8:45 p.m.	Adjourn	Adjourned at 8:49

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

NOTE: Next MCCAB Meeting will be June 15, 2021 on ZOOM

Committee Meetings: June Committee meetings will be held on June 3rd at 7 pm on Zoom.