



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)

Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD

Call to Order:	Louis Mozzano, Chair		Respectfully Submitted by: Adam Lustig, Acting Secretary		
Date/Time:	March 19, 2019; 7:00 PM ET				
Attendees:	Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)		Susanna Parker	X	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
	Lynda Brooks	X	Adam Lustig		Solomon, Jobe
	Franks, Ron	X	Crystal Myers	X	Tankersley, Judy
	X Gelman, Michael		Peter Wilson	X	Wright, Ursula
	X Mozzano, Louis (Chair)	X	Don Mewha		Partap Verma
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center Kevin Jackson, Administrative Aide, Mid County Regional Service Center				
Guests:	Valeria Carranza, Councilmember Evan Glass Chief of Staff Lt. Gerald McFarland, District 4, MCPD				

Call to Order: 7:08 PM by Louis Mozzano, Chair

Introductions – Members and guests introduced themselves.

Agenda/Minutes – A quorum was not present when the meeting was called to order. The agenda was revised to move liaison reports first. A quorum was reached at 7:41pm and both the revised agenda and minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Community Concerns: None

Directors Report – Luisa Montero, Regional Director (See attached written report)

- The County is reapplying for Enterprise Zone for Wheaton, the current designation sunsets in June.
- The Aspen Hill Vision Zero Advisory group has continued to meet: 13 members specifically focused on CT/Georgia Ave area.
- County Council continues to consider the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan.
- There was increased security for places of worship over the weekend due to the shooting in New Zealand
- The Regional Services Centers will have a lead role in advertising Census 2020 and targeting low-response populations.
- Nuisance flooding has been prevalent – 18 flash flood warnings this past year; storm water drainage systems are often inadequate.
- County representative leading the development of the new dog parks will come to April meeting
- The CE announced a new Early Childhood Education initiative.
- Chamber awards – Wheaton/Kensington chamber has a banquet to give out awards to businesses, community members, and students. MCCAB selects two awards (organizations and individuals) – we will need to vote at the April 16 meeting



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- From Lt. McFarland – the individual who robbed the GameStop at Aspen Hill Shopping Center was apprehended.

Liaison Reports:

- **Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee:** launched their new website in an effort to streamline the permitting process. They are trying to integrate WSSC into the Permitting Services website. A steering committee was created to look at codes/permitting as part of a broader push to eliminate roadblocks and barriers to businesses.
- **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee:** There was a vibrant community discussion with Michael Paylor of DoT to discuss post-construction traffic patterns in downtown Wheaton.

County Council Report:

- Valeria Carranza, Councilmember Glass' Chief-of-Staff introduced herself and gave a brief overview of Council activity:
 - The Council is working on policy to examine issues through a racial equity lens (e.g. in public transportation/pedestrian issues – communities of color are 2x more likely to not have a vehicle.
 - The Council received the recommended FY20 budget from the County Executive on March 15th.
 - The Council had a lunch with the Regional Service Directors. The Director's presented various issues and Luisa discusses the businesses impacted by Wheaton redevelopment. The Council requested the CE to raise the cap on reimbursements to businesses to \$125,000.
 - The Council received a briefing from SHA on the road widening project.
 - Council also discussed the MC Economic Development Corporation. The primary focus of the discussion was on why we lost Amazon and how we can improve economic development.

Fire & Rescue Report: No Report.

Guest Presentation: No Presentation.

Committee Reports: No report

Old Business – Discussion on Letter to Council on FY20 Operating Budget priorities:

- Goal is to confirm that the letter Michael shared is an accurate representation of our priority areas.
- We also need volunteers to dig deeper into specific topical areas
- A question posed to the group: how much depth do we want to go into?
- We do not have the resources or time to go into extreme detail (e.g., \$10k needs to shift from one program to another) BUT we do want to provide comments at the level where we want to acknowledging general funding of specific programs or areas
- How are we approaching and defining community development?
 - Small businesses, neighborhood businesses



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- Volunteers will bring recommendations to the committee meeting to discuss with other attendees – recommendations will include “this is a program that is important and why” – attempting to limit each program/topic to a sentence or two.
- Draft letter will be finalized at the April full Board meeting.

New Business

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM