



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: Michael Gelman, Acting Secretary		
Date/Time:	November 20, 2018; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)		Susanna Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
		Lynda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Lustig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solomon, Jobe
		Franks, Ron		Crystal Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gelman, Michael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wright, Ursula
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Mewha		Partap Verma
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center Kevin Jackson, Administrative Aide, Mid County Regional Service Center					
Guests:						

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Louis Mozzano, Chair

Introductions – Members and guests introduced themselves.

Agenda/Minutes – The Agenda was approved unanimously. The October 2018 minutes were approved, with 1 abstention.

Community Concerns:

- Amanda Neshor of the Montgomery County Food Council (MCFC), an independent non-profit, announced that the organization was looking for members for its Food Security Plan Community Advisory Board.
 - o About the Food Council
 - The MCFC was created in response to the 2014 Food Insecurity Plan.
 - Food insecurity has gone from approximately 70,000 to 60,000 people in the county as a result of implementation of the plan and the MCFC’s efforts.
 - o MCFC Community Advisory Board
 - Three meetings currently planned: January, April, July; working groups meet monthly
 - They are particularly interested in recruiting people with experience with food insecurity
 - They provide a stipend and transportation if needed

Police Update: Commander Marc Yamada and Lieutenant Gerry McFarland provided an update on crime incidents and trends.



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- Incidents
 - o Incident of workplace threats in Wheaton
 - o Robbery at CVS
 - o "Pack" robbery involving 13 juveniles, 7 arrests made, all from DC
 - o Taxi robbery in Aspen Hill; arrested suspect who was a repeat offender
 - o Home invasion on Peachtree Ct, involved juveniles 2 of which were known to the victim. A gun was fired.
 - o Home invasion on 11/17 at 14300 Georgia; Major Crimes involved
 - o Robbery at 7/11 on Georgia, suspect arrested
 - o Auto thefts at Longmeade Crossing, including rims stolen from car.
- Trends
 - o Violent crime is generally down in the area
 - o Thefts from autos (usually from unlocked doors) steady or up a bit
 - o Request that the police be notified when incidents happen – some residents are just notifying their HOA
 - o Warned about item exchange scams (via apps or Craigslist, etc.) using movie (fake) money. Recommend exchanges at Police station lot. Often involved are kids on one side or the other.
- Questions
 - o Drug overdoses in area?
 - Drugs are everywhere. Used to be more prescriptions, but crack downs have made that hard. Heroin and fentanyl are back. Most officers carry Narcan.
 - o Recruitment
 - Cmdr. Yamada did not say he needed more officers but would be happy to have more
 - Net loss of three over the past three years at our station
 - About to get eight rookies
 - o What trauma/mental health training do officers get?
 - As rookies, trained in de-escalation and autism responses
 - Yearly on-line/in-service refresher training
 - There is a two office division specialized for this (Crisis Intervention Team)
 - Most officers have had CIT training but can use the CIT team if uncomfortable with situation

Director Report

Luisa Montero provided a written report (see attached). Some highlights included:

- Small Business Assistance Program, including technical assistance, has been view as successful. Bethesda and Silver Spring are asking for a similar program.
- Incoming County Executive Marc Elrich's listening sessions have been well attended.
- A pedestrian fence between Reddie and Price on Georgia is being considered. Designs going back and forth between MCDOT and SHA.



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- Council Vice President Navarro has hired a new Chief of Staff, who will be coming to the December meeting.
- The January 3rd MCCAB committee meeting needs a new location or to be cancelled because the Mid-County Recreation Center will be closed that week.

Committee Reports

Joint Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning and Quality of Life

After the Annual Planning Retreat, the committees met and drafted a letter regarding Pedestrian Safety and Sustainable Growth. The Board deliberated the letter and decided to move consideration to the December Board Meeting in order to continue discussing several changes and revise the letter. Some of these discussion points included:

- Recommendations were considered too broad
 - o If recommending sector plans, need to pick individual items to second, not plans in entirety
 - o Draft wanted to tie to existing work and planning
 - o Wanted sourcing for economic benefits claim
 - o Wanted to name Wheaton specifically in the letter
- Need to figure out what the letter is asking for
 - o More extensive dialog between MCDOT and SHA?
 - o Include funding requests or make that separately during budget work later?
 - o Outline traffic issues first and then include three or four examples from master plans?
 - o Stay more general and let experts work out details?
 - o Include note of possible side effects of changes on traffic and needed education efforts on new signals and markings?
- Request to see other groups' letters? Luisa said she would send those to the members.
- Summary of the recent SHA/County Council hearing was offered
 - o SHA Manual is being updated with newer thinking on multi-use
 - o Development around the corridors affects their safety
 - o Short term items to consider: speed limits, striping, lane shrinking
- Final decision: Draft new letter with a statement of principles
 - o Pedestrians safety as a priority
 - o Endorse staying on top of issue as process works
 - o Working group: Adam, Ursula, Louis, Partap

Liaison Reports

- Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee - Judy Tankersley noted that the meeting was cancelled and there were no updates to report.



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- Question: Permitting of the common Right of Way (sidewalks for cafes vs. dockless transport vs. pedestrians vs. etc.)
 - Last year there was some work done by Permitting Services working with businesses on this topic.
- Olney Town Center Advisory Committee - no current liaison. Luisa will check into whether a liaison is needed at this point.
- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee -See Regional Service Director Montero's report. Luisa noted that WUDAC held its annual planning retreat the previous weekend and indicated that a supplemental appropriation requested by Councilmember Navarro to support the Small Business Assistance Program was approved. This appropriation supports Wheaton small businesses impacted by County Construction projects. Thus far, the program has disbursed \$439,588 and \$174,873 in the fiscal year.

Old Business

- Filling the Secretary position has been tabled for another month.

New Business

- None

Adjournment

Chair Mozzano adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.