



## Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)

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

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Louis Mozzano, Chair		<b>Respectfully Submitted by:</b> Michael Gelman, Acting Secretary			
<b>Date/Time:</b>	December 18, 2018; 7:00 PM ET					
<b>Attendees:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susanna Parker	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Lustig	Solomon, Jobe	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Franks, Ron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gelman, Michael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Wilson	Wright, Ursula	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Mewha	Partap Verma	
<b>Staff:</b>	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center Kevin Jackson, Administrative Aide, Mid County Regional Service Center					
<b>Guests:</b>	Lt. Gerald McFarland – District 4 John Doherty, Representative for Del Al Carr Robin Ennis - Chief Solid Waste Collections, Dept of Environmental Protection					

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

**Introductions** – Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Agenda/Minutes** – A quorum was not present at 7 PM.

**Community Concerns:** No concerns raised.

**Police Update:** Lieutenant Gerry McFarland provided an update on crime incidents and trends.

- A suspect in some recent thefts from automobiles has been identified
- Two incidents at Wheaton Plaza
  - Shooting and a car that crashed into a building was drug and gang related; spillover from Langley Park
  - Stabbing was also gang related
- Assault at a gas station at Layhill and Georgia over cigarettes
- A drunk person was stabbed at a gas station at Georgia and Hewett
- There was approximately 250 hours of Vision Zero enforcement (tickets, education) with 1000 citations issued last month, focused on Georgia Ave between Viers Mill and Connecticut
  - Similar action scheduled for this month
  - “Shop with a Cop” handing out yellow bags and flyers to promote traffic safety
  - MC DOT also at Wheaton Mall doing outreach
- The fire at Glenmont Plaza caused a large police response to keep people out so the Fire Dept could work
- The pedestrian- police car collision last month occurred at a mid-block crossing



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- Opioid incidents have been down over the past one and three years

Fire Report was not given because Chief Goldstein is ill, but he asked that members be reminded about holiday safety tips which are on the FD web site.

A quorum was assembled at 7:20 and the agenda for the night's meeting was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with 1 abstention.

### **Council Report**

Introduction of Roland Ikheloa, new Chief of Staff for Council member Navarro

- Gave his background
- Issues of particular interest to the Council member at this time include
  - Early childhood education
  - Equity is an overarching issue, and an Equity policy is being worked on
  - Improving the County for being business friendly
  - Safety and security
  - Support for aging population and adult care

**Guest Presentation** – Robin Ennis, Chief Solid Waste Collections, Division of Solid Waste Services, Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP)

- DEP will be moving to the new building in Wheaton when it is complete
- The County is "aiming for zero waste" but it is a process
- Background on Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
  - Managed by local governments, not federal or state
  - All face the same issues, but each local government designs own system
- County picks up from 218,000 single family homes
  - Hires contractors to do this, not County employees
- County has a waste to power plant that provides power for appx 40,000 homes
- County has no landfill
- Region is starting to see regional solutions
- Recycling rate is 35% nationally, 55% in MC
- 1.5 million tons of MSW per year
  - 700,000 tons recycled
  - 600,000 tons burned, reduced to 10% of size, sent to landfill in VA as cover
- Looking at reduction in generation of trash
  - Restriction via laws (bag tax, plastic bans)
    - Limited by County jurisdiction
  - Outreach and education (throw out less stuff)
- Zero Waste
  - Comprehensive plan to simultaneously rethink MSW
    - engaged with multiple stakeholders
    - Redesign products, packaging, transportation, and purchase



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- Stakeholders
  - Local, state, Federal governments
  - Global manufacturers
  - Distributors and retailers
  - Consumers
  - Solid Waste professionals
- Actions
  - End “take, make, waste” mentality
  - hold producers responsible from cradle to grave “product stewardship”
- Results from best to worst
  - Reuse
  - Recycle/compost
  - Burn for power
  - Landfill
- County Actions thus Far
  - Ban on Styrofoam food containers
  - Plastic bag tax
  - Recycling required for businesses, single family homes, townhouses
  - Zero Waste Task Force
- Issues Still Facing
  - Food waste
  - Construction debris
- Inspectors inspect businesses and multi-family dwellings
- Recycling is different (accepts different materials) in different jurisdictions so it makes it hard to do regional awareness campaigns
- What can be done with plastics?
  - Using building material such as Trex
  - Markets exist for everything but have become less lucrative over time; office paper has gone from \$250/ton to \$10/ton recently
- Food waste pickup
  - “When, not if”
  - County has no composting facility
- Low hanging fruit
  - Construction waste
  - Food waste
- Resource Recovery Facility (incinerator)
  - Either burn to ash or don’t waste (recycle)
  - Where does the ash go?
  - Sold to landfill in VA for cover
  - MC does not have a landfill, but one is permitted
- What can the County do?
  - Develop plans then go up to regional level
- Can we ever reach 100%? No



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### **Directors Report** (See written report for content)

- Wheaton building has reached street level
- The County Executive added a listening session for the Wheaton area; Dec 20 at Einstein HS
- FY20 Operating Budget forum is Jan 23rd
- Microtransit, an on-demand bus service is looking for volunteers to attend outreach sessions

### **Committee Reports**

- Traffic safety letter passed unanimously with minor amendments

### **Liaison Reports**

Permitting services: No meetings until January

WUDAC report: Councilmember Riemer attended last meeting to have a follow up discussion from the WUDAC summer What's Next for Wheaton Forum

### **Old Business**

- A Secretary still needs to be designated.

### **New Business**

- Committee meeting for January is canceled unanimously
- Agenda for next meeting will include:
  - Green business certification presentation
  - Preparation for budget forum

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM*