



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)

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

Call to Order:	Francisco Romero, Chair			Respectfully Submitted by:	Francisco Romero, Chair	
Date/Time:	January 16, 2017; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reed, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Romero, Francisco (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solomon, Jobe
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank, Ron (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rowden, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gelman, Michael	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saah, Oriole (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wright, Ursula
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sapper, Masha	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partap Verma
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
Guests:	MCPD-District 4 Lt. Brian Dillman, Deputy Commander, Bertha Flores Council Member Navarro's office, Department of General Services Greg Ossont, Deputy Director					

Call to Order: 7:02 PM by Francisco Romero, Chair

Agenda – Approved unanimously

Minutes – Approved as amended

Community Concerns – none

Guest Speakers

Lt. Brian Dillman, Deputy Director

- There was an overall decrease in crime by 7%, 0.3% increase in personal injury, increase in homicide 2 out of 3 were attributed to gang activity. There is an increase in funding to combat gang related activity. For month November-December, District 4 ran a Holiday Crime Prevention program, including undercovers & community policing, issued a total of 56 arrests and hundreds of citations.
- Most community complaints are due to parking, focusing on education and enforcement. Extended families and multiple cars in some areas create blocked traffic/driveways especially in the BelPre/Strathmore community. There were 98 parking tickets issued and 7 abandoned vehicles tickets in November.
- Good Hope area vehicle thefts, community member confronted them and shot one after being threatened by a taser. Non-life threatening injuries. He was not licensed and was prohibited use of firearms.



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- Lt. Brian Dillman assigned to 4th District this fall, SWAT history. Happy to be here. Captain Marc Yamada is the commander and is raising his family in the area.
- Michael Gelman asked about the efficacy of the holiday crime initiative. Crime in Westfield was down due to increased police presence and embedded undercover officers in stores. All supervisors went to Westfield to meet with their security team.
- Robert Shoenberg asked to the extent to which there is a criminal community at work in the areas. Also asked about the efficacy of DUI stops, officer Dillman said it varied based on individual circumstances.
- Luisa Montero added that there are reports coming out about bias incidents, use of force & pursuits. Noted an increase in bias incidents right after the election, is classified based on the victims perception not intent of anything else.
- Reviewed minutes. Lynda Mentioned P.3 #4 asked for clarification about “authority to pull resources back,” and two more items that she will email to Luisa. Motioned for approval & second by Jobe Salomon. Approved unanimously as amended.
- Agenda approved unanimously approved. Motioned by Masha Sapper & seconded by Michael Gelman.

Department of General Services, Capital Division, Presentation by Greg Ossont:

- Recommended Capital improvements sent over today for FY19-20, discussions through May.
- Oaks landfill, solar project on top of the landfill (several hundred acres) freestanding solar and would be hard to see. Financed through a power purchased agreement (20 years) w/Solar City. Finalizing contracting. Preparing submission to parks and planning.
- Olney Civics Commons Project as a result of the Olney Master plan which was mostly postpone /cancelled. This project was included in the CIP. The report has been finalized and is posted and will be presented next week. Next step: where does the project go after the report is finalized?
- Glenmont Community Park attached to the new fire station. Staging now, but 6-12 months until State Highway Admin is done with the site. Finalizing components and will be meeting with the community. Glenmont master plan designated this site for a park.
- Glenmont shopping center, run into a lot of difficulty due to ownership structures. Have discussed common ground during meeting with the County Executive in both parking & storm water management. Right now all storm water goes to regional pond behind shoppers. CE directed DGS to move forward on working on a storm water meeting plan with a contracted consultant in the next year which could be used to educate the development community.

Questions via email:

- What’s happening with the land owned by SAA at Randolph/Georgia; will County have the opportunity to obtain that land once the SHA is done with it. Could the county have an ownership stake to help with the development of PPP.



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- How to improve the aesthetics at that interchange? Pending installation of landscaping from SHA. Otherwise need to defer to DOT for County roads.
- Wheaton library out of the ground, opening target for summer of 2019 (Done in the spring, but need to move equipment/books first.)

Question re: down time between rescue squad & library?

Not sure re: staffing & budgets to keep both open.

Wheaton Arts and Humanities Project

- Working to identify the scope & nature of the project. This is not the “bread & butter” of DGS; want to bring in a consultant to do a feasibility study, community outreach, stakeholder interviews, and market analysis. Concern re: other struggling arts center in the county. After that work on program requirements, then design & construction, 10 year timeframe entirely possible.
- Luisa noted that she provided a press release reviewing capital improvements during the CE’s tenure.

Question from Francisco Romero: Can we see the other work of that the arts consultant has done?

Answer: Greg will send a link to his firm.

Question from Robert Shoenberg: It’s been just a small number of community members who don’t all seem to know what they want.

Answer: yes, hence the consultant needs to include many community members and think of this facility as a be multi-user, multi-purpose facility.

Luisa added that the A&E District is based on the tax designation & a performance/art venue is needed to facilitate this.

Question from Robert Shoenberg: Is there any way that the county could offer to landscape the Glenmont shopping parking lot.

Answer: It will have to pass through storm water first which is the path they are trying to go down. Current owners are happy with the existing arrangement. Storm waters has more of an environmental & regional impact.

Question from David Rowden: Shady Grove Bus Depot relocation status?

Answer: Still operating as a bus depot but the parks buildings are vacant & being demolished soon. Solution needs to be part of the larger MCPS infrastructure needs. Recognized by new MCPS leadership who are taking a larger approach to the issue. There needs to be a school based solution at the end of the day. Not sure of the status. Would have to reach out to the MCPS Essie McGuire. Will try to facilitate a dialog.



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Question from Robert Shoenberg regarding Glenmont Forest park: why a park at such a busy intersection.

Answer: the grade and natural boundaries will make it better for children. Will be on SW quadrant; that is less frightening.

Director Report

- Highlighted upcoming CE budget forum hosted by MCCAB
- Storm drain art project in Wheaton has launched - need publicity (education about grease dumping issues)
- See attached report distributed by Luisa

Committee Reports

Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning and Quality of Life no updates; chairs not present. Quality of Life Committee should review WUDAC's A&E letter regarding request for additional resources to help manage the arts district. Discussion about payment of taxes, need a letter at the next subcommittee meeting

Liaison Reports

Permitting Services – no reports.

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee – meeting on 1/23

WUDAC – updates provided on small business assistance program at each meeting; urge business owners to attend if they are having issues

Old Business: Navarro invited for February board meeting. Her staffer indicated March would be better, or committee meeting.

New Business:

- Quality of Life Committee should review the letter regarding request for additional resources to help manage the arts district.
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Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 8:45 pm.