



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Summary

Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD

Call to Order:	Francisco Romero, Chair			Respectfully Submitted by: Oriole Saah, Secretary		
Date/Time:	March 21, 2017; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:		Adjogah, Mensah	X	Mozzano, Louis	X	Rowden, David
		Bonilla, Luis		Neuringer, Jason	X	Saah, Oriole (Secretary)
		vacant	X	Newman, Rick (Vice Chair)	X	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
	X	Frank, Ron		Reed, Patrick	X	Tankersley, Judy
	X	Mansori, Hasan	X	Romero, Francisco (Chair)		vacant
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
Guests:	Bertha Flores, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Nancy Navarro Michael Gelman Shelby Keller, Delegate Al Carr's office Susan Rich, Connecticut Avenue Estates					

APPROVED

Call to Order: 7:05 PM by Francisco Romero

Council Update: Bertha Flores, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Nancy Navarro

- County Executive Supplemental Appropriation of \$30 million to CIP for Wheaton Redevelopment. Will hold public hearing.
- Operating budget delivered to County Council on March 15. Public meetings scheduled for April 4, 5, 6 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM each day.
- Navarro seeking police enhancement for Wheaton, will share details soon.
- Navarro meeting with Emily Brophy of Westfield Wheaton to follow up on the public safety working group which met recently.

Agenda – Approved unanimously

Minutes – Approved unanimously

Community Concerns – None

Guest Speaker:

Luisa shared Fire Chief's regrets. He is attending another event.



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Director Report

- Bike Share ribbon cutting 3/22 on the west side of Georgia Avenue. Many elected officials will attend.
 - County-wide Usage exceeding expectations
 - 30 minutes for \$2; \$8 per day; \$85 membership for a year; takes credit cards
- Wheaton Library demolition April 6. No press conference or event. DGS will post a video of the demolition. Slated to open Summer 2018.
- Avalon Bay residential building (at Georgia & Blueridge) opening Dec 2017.
- Viers Mill Corridor Master Plan
 - Meeting 3/29 at Newport Mill Middle School.
 - Includes BRT.
 - Will be on Transportation & Environment Committee agenda on March 23.
 - Navarro will attend even though she is not on the committee.
- County Council FY18 Operating Budget hearings (dates above)
- Ride On passenger experience survey – please share
 - Proposed route changes available online
 - Poplar Run and Connecticut Estates will be added

Community Concerns (redux): Susan Rich, Connecticut Avenue Estates

Connecticut Avenue Estates requested a Ride On route through their neighborhood of 1,000 homes. Many residents depend on public transportation and face long walks to access buses. Requested an extension of the route near Highland View Elementary School, Route 38. Ride On is proposing an extension to Route 33 towards Glenmont. Ms. Rich will provide a map and documents to Luisa to share with board members. Board assigned this issue to the Land Use Transportation and Zoning Committee. Perhaps Diana Archer of Ride On could speak to the Committee about the route development process.

Committee Reports

Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning –

Draft letter on Glenmont/Silver Spring Bikeway to the board.

- The path recommended by the planning board uses the existing bridge to cross Rt. 495 and crosses Georgia twice (Blueridge & Plyers Mill) and follows a route parallel to Georgia.
- Board wishes to add language opposing any consideration of the use of adding a dedicated bike lane (eliminating auto travel lane) on this route.
- Board wishes to investigate the use of the Glenmont Greenway for a bike path in addition to existing sidewalks as an alternative to bikes riding on Georgie for a few blocks.
- No specific deadline for feedback. Returned letter to Committee to address the above.



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Wheaton Regional Park Carrousel – Parks & Planning plan is for existing carrousel to be moved & replaced.

- Will move to Clarksburg due to prior parks agreement. Likely not able to alter this plan.
- Question to Parks: Why has Wheaton Park Redevelopment plan been put on hold?
- Wheaton Regional should offer the same play & recreation opportunities as Cabin John Regional Park.
- Committee will focus on the above question about the park redevelopment plan with reference to replacing the carrousel.

Quality of Life –

Micro Lending legislation

- Moved to the economic development entity (was in Worksource) over concerns similar to ours.
- Action pushed back (may wait until after budget is finalized?).

Recent attacks on Muslim community

- Committee wants to voice support to Muslim and Jewish Communities.
- Luisa reached out to the Muslim Center to offer the Board's support. No response yet.
- Ms. Flores noted a supplemental appropriation of \$225,000, cost sharing within the MCG Project, to assist communities exposed to hate crimes.

Maryland State Trust Act

- Codifies Maryland's policy on cooperation with Federal agencies regarding immigration enforcement.
- Passed the House
- Governor Hogan likely to veto
- Committee addressing concerns about the State Law dictating County policy, which is different.
- Is this a MCCAB issue? Some members want to support County Executive's objection to the state law.

Liaison Reports

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

Charrette/interviews planned with a consulting engineering firm, tentative date is May 20. \$25,000 to fund the first step.

- Jiffy Lube – Georgia & 108, concerns about traffic impact and uninteresting design. Owners estimate 30 vehicles per day, including employees.

Permitting Services – meeting with County Executive tonight so next meeting is May.



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WUDAC

- Snow canceled March meeting; March meeting is rescheduled to March 27th.
- Public raising questions about delays are urged to attend a WUDAC meeting or read meeting notes.
- MCDOT still working to secure owner permission for tie backs
- Taste of Wheaton is June 4th. Luisa asking for possibility of holding event in Lot 13.
- No update on Bozzuto but they have until September 2017 to secure funding.

Old Business:

Bus Depot Relocation – David Dise is scheduling meetings with “affected communities” (yet unnamed) in April.

English Manor playground update – owned by MCPS. Community met with MCPS, who agreed to maintenance and possible update. How would they be funded?

Westfield Wheaton – sponsored Safety Task Group attended by Westfield corporate staff, Navarro staff, WUDAC liaison, WMATA security staff, District 4 MCPD, and several civic associations. Discussed low cost upgrades to WMATA garage which could improve safety.

New Business:

FY18 Operating Budget review – Judy, Louis, Patrick (already provided) offered to review for the next committee meeting. Others are welcome to do so, as well. The full committee meeting will be dedicated to generating a MCCAB response to the budget. Example: express support for continuation of Police Substation in Olney.

MCCAB vacancies: many applications received will require multiple evenings of interviews. Proposed smaller groups to do interviews. No dates set yet. Bob, Louis, Oriole, Judy, Francisco volunteered to interview. Luisa will be present for all.

Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards – Board voted to select Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year.

Vending Machine legislation (Bill 117) designed to offer healthier choices in county buildings. Board decided not to take a position because the legislation affects adults.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 8:58 pm.