



## Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Summary

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

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Francisco Romero, Chair			<b>Respectfully Submitted by:</b> Oriole Saah, Secretary		
<b>Date/Time:</b>	April 18, 2017; 7:00 PM ET					
<b>Attendees:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rowden, David
		Bonilla, Luis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neuringer, Jason	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saah, Oriole (Secretary)
		vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Newman, Rick (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
		Frank, Ron		Reed, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mansori, Hasan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Romero, Francisco (Chair)		vacant
<b>Staff:</b>	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
<b>Guests:</b>	Delegate Al Carr Devan Mayer Fire Chief Goldstein					

**Please note: This is a draft until approved by the MCAAB**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM by Francisco Romero

**Guest: Fire Chief Goldstein**

- Budget requests – enhanced staffing for Olney station 40 and a paramedic chase vehicle for Aspen Hill station 25.
- Mourning the loss of a fellow firefighter in the line of duty. The last line-of-duty death was 1977. Firefighters are dealing with the loss and appreciate community support.
- Discussed selection process for Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Awards, which were recently presented.

**Agenda** – approved unanimously

**Minutes** – Approved unanimously

**Guest Speaker: Delegate Al Carr**

(See constituent letter on MCCAB website) Del Carr updated MCCAB on legislative activity for the recently completed Maryland 2017 session.

Q: Regarding school bus cameras, if a person lives out of state and gets a citation while driving a rental car, how does Maryland collect that fine?

A: Rental car companies have 45 days to provide driver name and address or will be required to pay the fine. Maryland will send the citation to the driver’s home address.

Q: Will staff be added to the State Attorney General’s office?



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A: Yes

Q: Regarding the elimination of federal funds for Chesapeake Bay cleanup, will there be a multi-state effort to restore funds through Congress?

A: Senator Cardin spoke forcefully in support of protecting those funds. Nonprofits are also advocating for funds.

Q: Regarding the Maryland Defense Act, is it a direct response to the Trump Administration?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the number of staff hired to support the State Attorney General office be reduced when this administration ends?

A: The changes will stand until repealed. This gives the State Attorney General permission to act on behalf of Maryland given that the State Legislature is only in session for 90 days of the year.

Q: Term limits – is the law allowing a shift in election cycles designed to skirt term limits put in place by local referendum?

A: Currently in Maryland, everyone runs every four years, many municipalities use a staggered system (each jurisdiction chooses). MCPS Board of Education also uses a staggered system. This Sate bill allows Montgomery County to choose staggered or every four, as it is now. Currently, Montgomery County elections fall on “off” (non-presidential) election years. This bill does not undermine term limits. It allows choice but does not enforce change.

**Community Concerns** – None

### **Director Report**

- Dominique Quarttrocchi -- Wheaton Regional Park master plan follow-up – Luisa connected and he indicated this was part of the general Master Plan for parks. No further updates at this time
- Wheaton Redevelopment Update – construction starts early June so Taste of Wheaton will be in Lot 13. Initial changes include parking, moving Verizon poles, MCDOT creating a website for redevelopment, small business assistance programs reaching about 60 businesses and providing parking mitigation maps
- Westfield Wheaton Public Safety Team meeting regularly
- Preparations for Wheaton Arts Parade underway



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- Library – demolition under way, video to be posted by DGS
- OneGreenmontgomery.org – Earth Month
- Montgomery County Recreation added two weeks to summer camps to accommodate the longer summer
- Glenmont-Wheaton Pool renamed after Office Hector Ayala
- Casey Anderson confirmed for next MCCAB meeting
- Nancy Floreen is tentative for next MCCAB meeting
- GOCA – May 20 Olney Town Commons Community Forum at the Olney Library
- May 23 Olney Days – community will weigh in on town center plan
- April 20 – Day in the Life of Montgomery County – send photos via social media
- Wheaton Hills sidewalk issue meeting was today.
- Micro loan legislation passed the County Council
- Healthy vending machine legislation also passed
- Maintenance of foreclosed properties also passed
- Budget action meeting is next week
- New County owned liquor store opening in Aspen Hill
- Mid County Office may move to the old rescue building on Grandview but no meeting space there

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Land Use, Transpiration, & Zoning & Quality of Life COMBINED meeting**

Oriole Budget letter: Move to accept the letter as revised, Judy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Permitting Services** – No March meeting. Did get resolution to Bob’s driveway bond issue – delayed inspection delayed refund. Homeowner “guarantees” cost of potential violations.

#### **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**

May 20 Community planning meeting. GOCA also watching Wheaton Redevelopment to use it as a model.

### **WUDAC**

Navarro pushing for Arts & Humanities space with mixed use in second building if Bozzuto’s financing falls through. Negotiations are ongoing regarding tie backs.

### **Old Business:**



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### Bikeway

- Letter under revision based on comments at the last Board meeting and committee meeting
- Sent back to Committee
- Should be addressed to Leggett and carbon copied to the planning board.

Alerts – no alter for a multi-hour incident on Westbound Randolph Road. No response to inquiry to Chuck Crisostomo

### Rt. 29 BRT, County Council Hearing

- Community along Rt. 29 raising similar concerns to ours with Veirs Mill BRT
- Veirs Mill corridor meeting at Newport Mill Middle School – 30 [people attended, requested corridor improvements
- Another meeting will be held to hear from residents of that area
- Expect to know direction by October 2018

### **New Business:**

Cutting grass in public spaces – What is the schedule? When to they start? Status of budget for this activity? Referred to Quality of Life.

Lighting on Georgia between Connecticut Avenue and Leisure World – poor lighting – difficulty for bus riders? State roads so this is a state issue – adding light requires a request from residents and need 66% of an area's residents to request them.

*Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 8:37 pm.*