



## 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>	November 15, 2016; 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)
		Curtain, Tom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Newman, Rick (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank, Ron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reed, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mansori, Hasan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Romero, Francisco (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ward, Murial
<b>Staff:</b>	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
<b>Guests:</b>	Adam Fogel, Office of Nancy Navarro, Member, County Council Ernie Benjamin, Allanwood-Gayfields-Wilson Hill-Gaywood (AGWG) Civic Assoc.					

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

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

### Introductions

**Minutes** – approved September and October minutes unanimously

**Agenda** – approved unanimously

### Council Updates Adam Fogel, Chief of Staff to Council Member Navarro –

- Wheaton Redevelopment – construction begins January 2017. Current focus on small business assistance program.
- Wheaton Regional Library and Recreation Center – first of its kind combination.
- Olney Town Center – in “facility” phase, early development & planning charrettes and community meetings.
- Wheaton Arts & Cultural Center – same status as Olney Town Center.
- Resolution introduced and approved by Council today regarding incidences of hate crimes/language/vandalism at schools and churches. The resolution highlights that these behaviors have no place in Montgomery County, and that the Federal Government should not contribute to a climate of fear.

Q: Planning Board – development based on foot traffic, effect on development in non-urban areas such as Rockville Pike and Georgia Avenue



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A: Council approved growth policy today. Promotes transit area development, in line with master plan. Impact tax areas: red / orange / yellow / green – greater access to public transportation, less expensive to develop.

Q: Neither funding nor planning for transportation is keeping up with rate of growth.

A: Impact Tax doesn't pay for needs. This is why increases in property and recordation taxes were needed.

Q: Shady Grove Bus Depot update

A: The County Executive is working to identify potential locations. Katz & Navarro will tour sites next week. Avery is still on the list. As well as the former landfill in Laytonsville. Council has not received a proposal yet.

### **Community Concerns:**

Ernie Benjamin with Allanwood-Gayfields-Wilson Hill-Gaywood (AGWG) Civic Association presented photos and a letter from Senator Manno requesting that Montgomery County or the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning provide funding to build a footbridge to enhance pedestrian safety approaching and crossing a creek using Layhill Road. The issue was referred to MCCAB's Land Use Zoning & Transportation Committee for discussion and decision.

### **Director Report**

- Wheaton Arts Council provided \$90,000 over the last two years and now a third year. The Wheaton Film Festival was held last week. The clock tower is getting new tiles with help from Arts on the Block. The Urban District will paint the clock tower in the spring.
- Master Artist presented potential public art proposal for the new town plaza (lot 13).
- Green Streets – Department of Environmental Protection (storm water management) hosting a public meeting to investigate installations in three Mid-County areas.
- Land reuse – Gude Landfill – people want passive land use such as parks, walkways.
- New Glenmont Fire Station (#18) and Ross Boddy Community Center opened.
- *Finding Forest Glen* civic association is planning to bring concerns about traffic, education, environment to MCCAB.
- Budget Forum – January 18 with Leggett @ Queensguard. Snow day will be February 8.
- DGS looking for new space for Luisa's office & MCCAB meetings.
- Joint CAB meeting – will be held November 30 to discuss shared issues
- Annual Legislative Breakfast – Francisco will report back to us afterwards
- Montgomery Moving Forward – good data on county



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### Committee Reports

Land Use, Transpiration, & Zoning

BRT Letter: Motion: approve letter with changes discussed and charge the Chair to finalize revisions and submit letter.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

### Liaison Reports

WUDAC – Ron Franks was nominated and agreed to serve. The “Poop Police” handout was the only WUDAC item in addition to what Luisa had already reported.

Permitting

- Newly passed staged development/impact tax plan affects Permitting workload and changes in administrating programs.
- Developing on their portion of the operations budget.
- Wait times for permits improved.
- Sidewalk Task force formed to address cafes affecting pedestrian and handicapped access to sidewalks.
- January 1 start implementing new regulations regarding dry wells (sediment control) which will not be built into neighborhood covenants. Residents will be responsible for their maintenance.
- On website, can now include site plans with permit requests.
- Expanding church program to include other non-profits & civic groups.

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee

- Adam Fogel announced inclusion in CIP. Navarro will announce CIP process at next Olney Advisory Committee.
- Jiffy Lube permit received.

### Old Business:

- Issues we’re addressing: Education, transportation, workforce development, economic development, housing, public safety, budget. Will also address issues as they arise.
- Francisco reminded everyone present that the real work happens at the committees and invited everyone to participate in one or both.

*Adjournment: Motion to adjourned meeting approved at 9:06 pm.*