



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order:	Kieran McHargue, Chair		Minutes: Will Walker			
Date / Time:	March 17, 2015; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	X	Adjogah, Mensah	X	Lynch, Maisie	X	Saah, Oriole
		Bonilla, Luis	X	Mansori, Hasan	X	Shoenberg, Robert
	X	Corbett, Sean	X	McHargue, Kieran	X	St. Gerard, Henriot
	X	Intoccia, Gregory	X	Newman, Rick	X	Walker, Will (Secretary)
	X	Lahr, Patrick (Vice Chair)	X	Owusukoko, Kimberly		
Staff:	Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Service Center					
Guests:	Pat O'Neill, President Board of Education					

APPROVED

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- 7:00PM by Kieran McHargue, Chair

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made to amend and accept the meeting minutes from March 2nd by Pat Lahr and seconded by Sean Corbett. A motion was made to accept the agenda by Will Walker and seconded by Pat Lahr.

Community Concerns

- David Rowden, Aspen Hill -Expressed concerns over Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) removing Ewing center and building a bus depot. MCPS would remove an elementary school from the Aspen Hill community - transferred to Land, Use and Zoning and Transportation Sub Committee.
- Sheila Convery, Aspen Hill Civic Association -Blair Ewing Alternative program to be removed to open a Bus Depot for MCPS. Civic association would prefer MCPS reopen English Manor – transferred to Land Use Zoning, Transportation Sub Committee.
- Dianna Ditto, Noyes Library -Seeking support for the renovation of this library as it is the oldest library in the area. The library needs funds so that persons with disabilities can access the building. The town of Kensington, Montgomery County Council and MC Public Libraries support the project. The library has to raise the money for the renovation – transferred to Quality of Life sub committee.

Old Business

- Winner of citizen of the Year is Konni Branner
- Civic Group of the year is Rebuilding Together

Guest Speaker

- MCPS BOE President Pat O'Neill -There are 154 thousand students and is growing rapidly. Elementary schools seeing the biggest uptick. Since 1997 the county has recovered 14 schools since the bottom out in student population of ninety thousand. Expect to see schools grow to 165 thousand students. They are currently working with state delegates to seek funding. There are currently 770 portables in elementary schools. MCPS is currently -25million for the current budget



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based on the Governor Hogan's budget. New elementary schools within MCPS cost 1.1 million dollars before a student comes into the school.

- Growth exceeds current school capacity
- Priorities: Classroom size; Social & emotional needs of students (Guidance Counselors & School Psychologist); and ESOL.
- Bus depot in Aspen Hill is self-inflicted by the county executive and county council from 2006 rezone of Shady Grove. Can't lock buses under state law and moving buses to MCPS schools could be a bigger problem in the future.

Council Report- No representatives present.

Director Report

- County Executive released his FY16 Operating Budget: 1.1% increase in budget from last year; MCPS receives 2.2 billion this year; 30.7 Million increase from previous year; Solid waste fees reduced by 4%; and Body Cameras for police and new bulletproof vest for police.
- Wheaton redevelopment project update on March 24 at 6:30PM at Wheaton High School
- PHED Committee started review of Aspen Hill minor master plan and may recommend a different zoning from the planning committee.
- Approved vacancy for Mid-County Advisory Board to replace Zuberi Williams.

Committee Reports

Land Use, Zoning and Transportation (LUZT) Committee: none.

Quality of Life (QoL): Pesticide Bill letter from MCCAB motion to accept the letter as amended. Motion first by Sean and second by Pat. 7 folks for the letter, 3 opposed and 2 abstained.

Liaison Reports

Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee: New member needed – Nothing to report

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, Rick Newman: Discussed available land within the town center and rethinking/researching their strategy.

Pepco Community Group, Rick Newman: Exelon making service improvements and adding community perks.

Wheaton Library & Recreation Center, Robert Shoenberg: Nothing new to report.

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, Henriot St. Gerard

- Community concern to use Wheaton as an experiment for pay station parking
- Night time Walking tours of the Art and Entertainment district in the works for Wheaton in June
- Working with Green Wheaton to do joint projects in Wheaton Urban District.
- How to engage more restaurants to expand restaurant offerings at the Taste of Wheaton.

New Business

- Council Member Nancy Navarro and Hans Reimer introduced a new child care bill today in council. Would create office to address child care.
- Walkability for the Randolph Road and Georgia Avenue is changing and the concern is over the walkability of area to ensure public safety.

Motion to end meeting by Pat Lahr and seconded by Hasan Mansori.