



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

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

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Kieran McHargue, Chair		<b>Minutes:</b> Patrick Lahr			
<b>Date / Time:</b>	September 17, 2013; 7:00 PM ET					
<b>Attendees:</b>		Acosta, Francisco		Metellus, Nedgie	X	Walker, Will
	X	Bonilla, Luis	X	Newman, Rick		Wijentunge, Gam
	X	Intoccia, Gregory (Vice Chair)	X	Owusukoko, Kimberly	X	Young, Brenita (Parl.)
	X	Lahr, Patrick (Secretary)	X	Saah, Oriole		Vacant
	X	McHargue, Kieran (Chair)	X	Shoenberg, Robert		Vacant
<b>Staff:</b>	Ana Lopez Van Balen, Mid-County Regional Service Center					
<b>Guests:</b>	Tiffany Edwards, Councilmember Mark Elrich Adam Fogle, Councilmember Nancy Navarro Fred Lees, Traffic Engineer for the Department of Transportation Rick Siebert, Chief of the Parking Lot District Sgt. Russo, 4 <sup>th</sup> District Police					

**APPROVED**

## Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- 7:00PM by Kieran McHargue, Chair.

## Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes

- *Motion to accept agenda by Gregory Intoccia; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luis Bonilla.*
  - Vote was unanimous in favor; agenda accepted.
- *Motion to accept meeting minutes from July 16, 2013 by Patrick Lahr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenita Young.*
  - Kieran McHargue submitted minor grammar and spelling changes.
  - Motion to accept minutes, with minor amendments, unanimous in favor; minutes accepted.

## Community Concerns

### Dunkin' Doughnuts Parking/Towing Issue

- Luis Bonilla raised the reoccurrence of community concerns with this issue.
- *Issue was referred to the Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation (LUZT) Committee.*
  - MCCAB Chair recommended getting public input during committee meeting.

### Glenmont Forest Neighbors Civic Association (GFNCA) requested MCCAB address two issues:

- Proposed park at the southwestern corner of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road.
  - David Dise had promised to begin working with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) on transferring the land; there seems to be no movement on this.
  - GFNCA understands that this property is still needed for construction staging, but having a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place would assure the community that the project is real.
  - *Issue was referred to the LUZT Committee meeting.*
- Availability of foreign language translation headsets.
  - Requested information about access to county owned translation equipment.
  - *Issue was referred to the Quality of Life (QoL) Committee.*



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### Old Business

#### Glenmont Sector Plan

- Bob Shoenberg spoke about working with the County Planning Department to get the most effective style of traffic study completed.
  - These studies have been completed, but the reports are still being finalized.
- There was a County Council working session on the Glenmont Sector Plan today.
  - The Council members asked all of the right questions.
  - The Council was critical of a number of things in the plan including:
    - The lack of a “game plan” for the redevelopment of the shopping center; the plan does not give the council a “toolbox” for development.
  - No decision was made or actions taken at this meeting.
- Another working session is scheduled for September 30. Decisions will be made at that meeting.

#### Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- While MCCAB has abstained from taking a stance on BRT other County Citizen Advisory Boards (CABs) are doing so. MCCAB needs to take form an opinion on this.
- *Referred to the LUZT committee for further consideration.*

#### Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting with the County Executive (CE)

- Kieran McHargue and Gregory Intoccia presented the MCCAB CIP recommendations to the CE in Mid-September, along with all the other County CABs.
- There were similar themes across all of the CABs including transportation and schools.
- The CE was asked about his ranking methodology for CIP projects. His response and methods should be used to better align MCCAB with the CE's priorities.
- Gregory Intoccia requested a motion to approve a draft letter thanking the CE for the meeting and responding to his request for clarification of an MCCAB priority.
  - *Patrick Lahr moved to accept the letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luis Bonilla.*
  - Motion to accept the letter was unanimously approved.

### Guest Speaker: Hope Gleicher, Non-Profit Montgomery

- Presented a new initiative called Montgomery Moving Forward (MMF).
  - “Experimenting and practicing a new way of working together to solve problems, MMF will find common ground, come to a common vision and embrace specific and actionable plans to tackle our problems.”
- Four focus groups (Academia, Business, Non-Profit, Residents) show support for the MMF ideal.
- Leadership panel of ~40 has been gathered to steer MMF.
  - Robert Shoenberg raised the question “Is this going to be something people do, or another thing that is done to them?”
- MMF is looking for community access, support and feedback/conversation from MCCAB.
  - Would look to use MCCAB as a sounding board for ideas.
- *Kieran McHargue recommended that this be a cornerstone of the QoL Committee.*

### Guest Speaker: Fred Lees, Montgomery County Department of Transportation

- Highlighted traffic signals that are getting upgraded in the Mid-County region.
- Promised more details in response to questions about traffic light timing issues.
- Offered MCCAB an opportunity to tour County Traffic Management Center (TMC).
- County conducts two pedestrian safety audits yearly to address issues like Reedie Drive upgrade.



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### **Guest Speaker: Rick Siebert, Wheaton Re-Development**

- Provided an overview of process to date.
- Highest rated proposer has been selected.
- Meeting being held on September 18, 2013 at 7PM to solicit feedback from community on concept design. Comments can be in person, written, or submitted online on county website.
- Parking mitigation has not been addressed yet, but is an integral part of the process.

### **Council Report**

Adam Fogle, Councilmember Nancy Navarro

- Zoning planning public hearing will likely be held on November 12, 2013.
- Wheaton Library & Recreation Center
  - This project is a top priority for Councilmember Navarro.
  - Historic Preservation Commission reviewed status of Wheaton Recreation Center.
    - This should not prohibit development/reconstruction.
- Glenmont Sector Plan
  - Councilmember agrees that discussion involving all parties has been excellent.
  - Focus of this should be on setting up the shopping center redevelopment for success.
  - Most of the 30 SEP working session will be focused on this.
- Councilmember's Resolutions
  - Right to Vote: Establishes a "Right to Vote" Taskforce and calls on the reestablishment of Section IV of the VRA.
  - Reaffirming the County's commitment to fighting poverty and stronger safety net.

Tiffany Edwards, Councilmember Mark Elrich

- Councilmember's Resolutions
  - \$12.50/hour minimum wage

### **Director Report**

- Successful Police forum held on 12 SEP.
- Small business assessment related to Wheaton Re-Development is underway.
- Discussed the County's new panhandling initiative.
- Draft recommendations will be presented to the joint committee meeting on OCT 1.

### **Committee Reports**

- Oriole Saah was selected as the QoL Committee Chair.
- Greg Intoccia was selected as the LUZT Committee Chair.

### **Liaison Reports**

Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee, Patrick Lahr

- Discussed tree canopy law enforcement rollout. There could be issues with permitting turnaround as these laws will require more permits for right of way work.
- DPS Automation surcharge is being reduced from 10% to 5% in response to previous fiscal year surplus.

Nighttime Economy Task Force, Gam Wijetunge

- No report.



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## Liaison Reports (Continued)

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee, Rick Newman

- Pleased with CIP recommendations. Will be discussing traffic calming initiatives at next meeting

Pepco Community Group, Rick Newman

- No meeting held.

Wheaton Library & Recreation Center, Robert Shoenberg

- Working with the architects: building footprint and internal arrangement have been established.
- Currently on a hiatus while drawings are being created for review and presentation.

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, Luis Bonilla

- Rick Seibert presented update of Wheaton Re-Development and advertised 17 SEP community meeting.

## New Business

MCCAB Retreat planning

- Patrick Lahr tasked with gathering input and establishing schedule for retreat.

## Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

## Action Items

#	Description	Lead	Origin	Created
1	Send Hope Gleicher POC information to MCCAB Secretary	Van Balen, Ana Lopez	MCCAB	09/17/13
2	Report back to MCCAB w/detailed information about traffic light timing.	Lees, Fred	MCCAB	09/17/13
3	Formalize arrangements for MCCAB Traffic Management Center.	Van Balen, Ana Lopez	MCCAB	09/17/13
4	Gather public input and address Dunkin' Doughnuts parking/towing issue.	QoL Committee	MCCAB	09/17/13
5	Address issues with proposed park at Randolph Rd./Georgia Ave.	LUZT Committee	MCCAB	09/17/13
6	Answer question about public availability of translation headsets.	QoL Committee	MCCAB	09/17/13
7	Review and submit any updates to the FY12-13 MCCAB annual report.	MCCAB Members	ALVB	09/17/13
8	Draft MCCAB stance on BRT in Montgomery County.	LUZT Committee	MCCAB	09/17/13
9	Send CIP thank you letter to CE.	Intoccia, Greg	MCCAB	09/17/13