



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:	Rick Newman, Chair	Minutes: Nedgie Metellus
Location:	Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902	
Date: / Time:	October 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM EST	
Attendees:	Ariel Winter, Kieran McHargue, Gam Wijentunge, Robert Shoenberg, Luis Bonilla, Steve Morrison, Gregory Intoccia	
Staff:	Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Services Director Rosie McCray-Moody, Department of Housing and Community Affairs Greg Ossont, Department of General Services Chief Manger, Montgomery County Police Department	
Guest:	Greg Eisenstat, Privacy World	

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

Call to Order and Introductions

Welcome Back by Rick Newman at 7:00 PM.

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:

Motion to accept agenda by Gam with amendment of date. Seconded by Ariel. Agenda accepted as amended.

Motion to accept September 20th, 2012 minutes as drafted by Ariel. Seconded by Gam. Minutes for September 20th, 2012 accepted

Community Concerns

No concerns presented

Old Business

Eviction Process: Rosie McCray-Moody—DHCA

Avoiding eviction

- Landlord- tenant court dates in Montgomery County are always held on Wednesdays
- You have 4 days to appeal period an eviction
- If payment is made before sheriff arrives, eviction can stop

If eviction occurs

- Items are placed on the lawn area for 72 hours
- Health and Human Services (HHS) can help once during a 12 month period, \$1,750 for back rent with proof of why you couldn't pay and a workable plan
- Other charities help as well if more money is needed

If you have no workable plan

- Placed in shelter

*Gaithersburg, Rockville, Takoma Park have different landlord tenant rules and are not bound by law 29

**Eviction process is driven on the state level.

Next Steps: Bring issue to Quality of Life subcommittee for recommendation and action points

Wheaton Library/Recreation Center

Department of General Services: Greg Ossont

Mr. Ossont came and spoke about the process for the community to be involved in the design and development of the Wheaton Library/Recreation Center. He asked for a nominee from MCCAB to represent the committee on the Qualification Review Committee that will pick the architect and engineering firm that will design the facility. The Wheaton Redevelopment Advisory Committee (WRAC) has been eager to be involved as well and therefore, because there nominee is an architect, MCCAB can give WRAC its vote.

Gam moves for the Quality of Life subcommittee make a recommendation to appoint someone from MCCAB to sit on the QRC; person nominated is at the discretion of the chairman. 1 recused, 1 opposed 6 accepted, motion approved.

Council Report

- October 22nd at 2PM further discussion on accessory apartment
- Public hearing about impact taxing, cluster zones etc.
- October 22nd they will discuss the Displaced Workers Act

Question B: Chief Manger

Who do You think should run the County Police Department?

“‘Effects bargaining’ means that Police Chief Tom Manger has to bargain the effects of any and all management decisions with the police union. Such mandated bargaining prevents the Chief from carrying out his job of running the Police Department and protecting both his officers and the lives and property of County residents in the most efficient and productive way.” Essentially every decision Chief Manger makes is negotiable. He asked that if you want him to run the police department, that everyone vote for Question B.

Director/Staff Report

- Interviews for possible MCCAB member held Octobers 1st, expect a decision by the end of October.
- Bylaws are being reviewed by 5 regional directors--- In progress.
- Next subcommittee falls on election day; Change to Thursday, November 8th at 7:00PM.
- MCCAB on Wheels: potential sites for meetings include Aspen Hill (an Interfaith Group is interested in hosting us) as well as the Sandy Spring Museum.
- Starting a Wheaton Public Work Group that addresses matters of public safety and perception of safety in the Wheaton. Gam to be on Urban District Task Force.
- Wheaton Small Business Meetings: recently discussed Bill 6-12, sponsored to create further guidelines on the funds to be used to support small businesses during redevelopment.
- World of Montgomery **Come on Come all.**

Committee Reports

Land Use and Zoning

- Park and towing issue
- Glenmont development
- Wheaton redevelopment and safety
- Cyclist and pedestrian safety issues (tie it to the campaign that was launched 3 years ago)
- Possible recognition awards for person or committees that have exemplified extraordinary service for their community (e.g. Forest Glen and its sidewalk initiative)

Quality of Life/Budget

- Wheaton redevelopment and its financial feasibility
- Who to engage about affordable housing
- Data and measure of code enforcement

Liaison Reports

- **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee:** *No report*
- **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee:** *No report*
- **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee:** *No report*
- **Pepco Community Group:** Kick off meeting 10/15/12 –Discussed smart meters, down wires, LED lightning, trees. Also encouraged people to report outages in the area.

New Business

Education issues

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM