



APPROVED 12-18-12

**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order:	Rick Newman, Chair	Minutes: Patrick Lahr
Location:	Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902	
Date: / Time:	November 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM EST	
Attendees:	Patrick Lahr, Steve Morrison, Kieran McHargue, Luis Bonilla, Francisco Acosta, Oriole Sarah, Gam Wijentunge, Gregory Intoccia, Robert Shoenberg, Brenita Young, Ariel Winter, Robin Brannan, Richard Newman	
Staff:	Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Services Director Michael Brown, Dept of Parks and Planning Greg Ossont, Department of General Services Adam Fogel, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Nancy Navarro	
Guest:	Rolando Robinson; David Shaw, Glenmont Exchange	

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

Call to Order and Introductions

Welcome Back by Rick Newman at 7:05 PM.

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:

Motion to accept agenda by Greg as is. Seconded by Kieran. Agenda accepted as is 7 for, 1 against.

Motion to accept November 20th, 2012 minutes as drafted by Gam. Seconded by Pat.

- *Motion to amend minutes to include the following “People evicted or foreclosed from their properties have their personal property left in front of the property, in an unsecured manor,” by Steve. Seconded by Greg.*
 - *Motion to table the amendment by Gam. Seconded by Ariel. Motion passed 11 for, 0 against.*
- *Motion to table minutes until Ana can provide exact statement passed 12 for, 0 against.*

Community Concerns

Mr. Rolando Robinson

Mr. Robinson presented a question for the board regarding community snow removal. Issue was referred to the Quality of Life subcommittee.

Mr. David Shaw

Introduced the “Glenmont Exchange.” Monthly meetings open to the public on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30PM-9:00PM at the Tivoli Community Center. Their mission is to “Build Community within the area.” Website is www.glenmontexchange.org.

Old Business

Wheaton Library/Recreation Center

Department of General Services: Greg Ossont

Mr. Ossont spoke about a proposed an alternate solution to the architect selection committee. The Council has moved up the funding, accelerating the schedule. The county currently has architecture firms under contract on a rotational basis. The firm that is up next, Grimm and Parker, has an excellent reputation for projects similar to the Wheaton Library/Recreation Center (i.e. White Oak Community Center, Rockville Library, and Strathmore). Given this, the Department of General Services wants to award the contract to Grimm & Parker and create a “Design Project Steering Committee” to guide community input into the project.

The committee would consist of three (3) representatives: Department of Library, Department of Recreation and an MCCAB member. The committee would meet approximately 3-4 times initially, with monthly follow up through completion. The role of the committee would be to provide constant dialogue between all interested parties and to hold the architect to outlined standards. Meetings would begin in January 2013.

Ariel raised concerns about the non-competitive nature of this new development. He pointed out that contracts of this nature are generally competed; also highlighted that the WRAC wanted a competitive process.

Ariel moved for the MCCAB to send a letter to the County Executive and County Council requesting the establishment of an open procurement competition for an architect for the Wheaton Library/Recreation Center. Patrick Lahr seconded the motion. 2 For, 9 Against, 2 No Vote, motion failed

Council Report

Adam Fogel, Chief of Staff, Councilwoman Navarro

- Burtonsville Enterprise Zone a possibility
- MC 18-13: proposed law to change definition of the enterprise zone around the Glenmont Sector Plan.
 - Will be heard by the Montgomery County House 7PM, 3 DEC 2012.

Park and Planning

Michael Brown, Project Planner Lead, Glenmont Sector Plan

- Built on legacy planning.
- Glenmont area is unique; already has metro/transit infrastructure.
- Current plan follows visioning meetings and all legacy plans.
- A public hearing on the plan will be set 20 DEC 2012
- Plan will encompass five major properties.
- Transportation analysis will be conducted to determine impacts.

Director/Staff Report

- Vacancy on the committee
- Meeting in December will be held at the Millian Memorial United Methodist Church of Aspen Hill.
- Budget Meeting w/County will be held in February.
- Possibility of meeting in Sandy Spring in January.

Committee Reports

Land Use and Zoning

- Pedestrian safety initiative
 - Focus on high incident areas (Connecticut Ave, Reddie Drive)
 - Upgrading signals/streetlights combined with education

Quality of Life/Budget

- Issues covered earlier in meeting.
 - Glenmont Sector Plan
 - Accessory Apartments

- Reviewed Code enforcement plan
- Pre School/education readiness issue
 - Pre-existing reports available
 - More information could be used
- Ambulance Fee discussion
- SAFER Grant
- FY14 County Budget Forum will be held on 29 NOV 2012

Liaison Reports

- **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee**
 - Department is required to show profit 1 out of every 3 years. Made a profit in FY12
- **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**
 - Meets next week.
- **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**
 - Received annual report from Ana Van Balen.
 - Laid out expectations/goals for 2013; more promotion (website/blog) and more outreach.
 - Started the process of creating subcommittees.
- **Pepco Community Group**
 - Meets Early December
- **Wheaton Public Safety Working Group**
 - Held 1st Meeting
 - Comm. Damsky of the 4th District, Montgomery County Police Department
 - Discussed crime stats for Wheaton, pointed out that violent crime is on par with other areas of Montgomery County. Stated that this points to a perception gap.

New Business

- Pat requested to discuss social media/blog/website development for MCCAB, referred to committee.
- Historic Preservation Committee question referred to committee.

Ariel moved to adjourn meeting at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Pat. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned, 9:05 PM.