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MID-COUNTY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 17th, 2012

Members Present: Robin Brannan, Gregory Intoccia, Kieran McHargue, Steve Morrison, Richard Newman, Robert Shoenberg, Ariel Winter, Brenita Young, Nedgie Metallus, Theresa Bell, and Gam Wijetunge.

Members Absent: Eileen Cahill, Barbara Hueter, Karla Fortunato, Craig Long.

Staff Present: Ana Lopez van Balen

Guests: Vicky Bergani, Glen Waye Gardens Condominiums; MCFRS Chief Richie Bowers; Tiffany Ward, Council Staff for Marc Elrich.

Call to Order: Gam Wijetunge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

There was a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded and approved. Another motion was made for the minutes of the February 21st meeting to be approved, which was seconded and approved.

Community Concerns: Vicky Bergani, Glen Waye Gardens Condominiums came to discuss problems with Kennedy HS youth loitering, trespassing, tagging their fences, signs and buildings, littering, defecating, fighting, buying and selling drugs, fornicating and personally assaulting verbally and physically residents of the property. Ms. Van Balen offered to follow-up with the district commander for the Glenmont area as well as the principal of Kennedy High School. The Quality of Life committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Old Business:

Eviction Process:

Mr. Steve Morrison still objects to the eviction process and wants more discussion about the problem. He would like the board to bring this issue to the attention of the County Council.

Council Notes/State Report:

Ms. Tiffany Ward with Council Member Elrich's staff updated the board on Wheaton Redevelopment Program, plans for Lot 13, the CIP, Wheaton Library, and state and county budget issues.

Director/Staff Report and Update from County Executive:

Ms. Ana Lopez van Balen reported mentioned who the winners were of the MCCAB awards. She also reported that Park & Planning would be hosting a zoning rewrite open house on April

24th. She mentioned that the Glenmont Garage opened on April 16th and that a new festival was coming to Wheaton—the Salvadoran American Day Festival.

Committee Chairs Report

Budget and Capital Improvement: it was reported that the committee met and drafted a letter regarding the CE's Operating Budget proposal. The letter was discussed, amended and a motion was made to approve the letter with amendments.

Land Use, Zoning & Transportation: Mr. Richard Newman reported that the Living Wage bill is pending approval. He stressed that the county needs to encourage business, large or small, throughout the county. Lastly, he reported that there will be a public hearing on June 19th for a new ZTA bill.

Quality of Life: Ariel Winter reported that the committee met to discuss the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center development progress. Mr. Winter reported that the program has been accelerated and also provided details on the recent Council straw vote to approve funding for the program. Mr. Winter reported that the committee discussed the Wheaton Redevelopment Program and provided comments on the draft letter to be sent to the County Council. Finally, Mr. Winter reported that the committee compiled questions on the Fire Station 18 project and submitted them to DSG for response.

Liaison Reports

Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee: did not meet.

Olney Town Center Advisory Committee: Eileen Cahill was not present to provide a report.

There were no reports from the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, the Wheaton Redevelopment Advisory Committee or the Mid-County Recreation Advisory Board.

New Business:

MCFRS Chief Richie Bowers spoke to the board about the EMS reimbursement act. An accompanying memorandum from the County Executive was distributed to the board detailing the expedited legislation. The board decided to discuss the matter further at the Quality of Life subcommittee.

Gam Wijetunge discuss the need to submit a report the CERB-Bill 32-11. A motion was made to give him as chair, the authority to draft a letter and to decide with discretion on the final letter. Motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.