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Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee

June 12th, 2012 Meeting Minutes
2424 Reddie Drive Wheaton MD 20902

Members Present: Jeanette Feldner(chair), Marian Fryer, Jim Onder, William Moore, Devala Janardan, Ken Nelson, Janet Yu, Henriot St. Gerard

Members Absent: Matt Barry, Linda Amendt

Staff Present: Ana Lopez van Balen, Director, Mid-County Regional Center
Peter McGinnity, Wheaton Redevelopment Manage

Guests: Adam Fogel, staff to Councilmember Navarro
Ben Moskowitz, staff to Councilmember Floreen
Bruce Goldensohn, serve committee
Elizabeth Chaisson, Green Wheaton
Heran Gebeyery, Degian Ghebermichael, KHCA
Yonique Redwood, resident
Esther French, Wheaton Patch
Sgt. Currie, 4th District police

Call to Order: Chair Jeanette Feldner, 5:03pm

Motions: Minutes approved with corrections. Ken Nelson first, William Moore, second.

Business: Jeanette opened meeting by reminding everyone there is one more meeting in this term. She asked for volunteers to form interview committee for the four upcoming vacancies for members. Janet, Devala, and Jim volunteered to interview candidates for the openings for resident, large business, optional method developer, and chamber of commerce representative. Janet, Linda, Ken and Matt will be leaving. We also will be electing a new chair, vice chair, and secretary at next meeting.

Sgt. Currie: 3 robberies in area including one at Capital One Bank on University Blvd., one purse snatching and one where he had little information. Other incidents included one aggravated assault over music selection, 6 residential burglaries, one auto theft (none from public parking lots) there were no commercial burglaries to report. All in all, it is very quiet in the CBD.

Ben Moskowitz: introduced himself as a new member of Nancy Floreen's staff. He specializes in land use issues and will report back to Councilmember Floreen on our issues.

Bruce Goldensohn: Introduced himself as part of the Committee for Evaluation and Review Board (CERB). He was present to review WUDAC as part of the Council's efforts to save

money by eliminating overlapping committees. Stated he felt WUDAC served a useful purpose and would be needed for quite a while into the future.

RSC Director Report: Ana van Balen thanked everyone for supporting Taste of Wheaton and asked all who participated to complete survey. Janet remarked she liked people watching at the wine tasting booth. William noted need for a second electric generator due to power problems. Ana announced the beginning of the summer concerts and stated to check website for info. She also commented on the ongoing dialogue with property owners on towing, an upcoming ZTA meeting concerning the Costco gas station, the Glenmont Sector Plan going to zoning board and a meeting on the relocation of Fire Station 18. Lastly, Ana announced she will be working with Cmdr. Damskey on a Public Safety Task Force, hosting a Mid-County Non-Profit Summit and a Glenmont Day Care Task Force.

Council Report: Adam Fogel shared that Councilmember Navarro and Riemer will be forming a working group with residents as a clearing house for Wheaton projects including parking studies, redevelopment, etc. Adam responded to an email sent by member Janet Yu concerning roadside solicitation. In summary, Adam clarified that Maryland Attorney General ruled that panhandling for profit entity is illegal but is legal for non-profits. This gives County the ability to start a permitting system although there may be future free speech issues.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Advocacy: No report but stated BRT is on agenda for future meeting.
- Community Building: Commented on WUDAC table at taste of Wheaton and the public relations benefits
- No other reports.

Redevelopment Report: Peter McGinnity reported that \$66 million was approved for the Park and Planning building on lot 13 and for a feasibility study for the development of the bus bay. DGS and P&P will meet to shape building. The Planning Board has approved Lowe Enterprise's Sketch Plan for project at 11141 Georgia Ave., Washington Properties has applied for a demolition permit for apartment construction at 10914 Georgia Ave., and the Safeway Construction should have the exterior building completed by December. Peter also touched on the streetscape improvements near the Limerick Pub on Price Ave. and a small business survey mailed to area businesses. They had approximately 1/3 returned and results should be available mid-July. Lastly, he mentioned the increase in parking rates in Wheaton. A written report on Redevelopment was also submitted for WUDAC review.

Community Concerns:

- Marian Fryer announced a Summer Enrichment Program for K-12, June 25-July 6 at New creation Church. She also stated that from July 9th to the start of school this Fall, a lunch program would be available for kids in need. Other activities are also available.
- Janet announced her new restaurant concept-Dumpling DoJo
- Elizabeth Chaisson from Green Wheaton talked about a Rainscape Program on Reddie drive and an upcoming fund raising event at Brookside Gardens
- Jeanette reminded everyone of the fireworks at Einstein High School on July 4th.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:23pm