



EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (ECCAB)

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Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Summary of ECCAB Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Bill Bentley, Susan Price, Peter Myo Khin, Sebastian Smoot, Mark Pharaoh, Len Newman, Roberta Goldberg, Ken Flemmer, Dawn Hill, Fisseha Adugna

Members Absent: Kim Price-Evans, Daniel Terrel, Gertrude Jones, Lucille Smith, Larry Edmonds

Guests Present: David Lorenzo-Botello (office of Evan Glass), Dawn Whittaker, Dan Wilhelm, Rob Richardson, Ed Weiler

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh, Cicero Salles

Welcome: Jewru Bandeh called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

- The board appointed the Vice Chair to lead the meeting in the absence of the Chair.
- New board members introduced themselves: Peter Myo Khin, Mark Pharaoh
- Board members and community members introduced themselves.

Presentation of ECCAB Priorities and Areas of Focus for the New Term

The Vice Chair provided a brief overview of the ECCAB retreat held in August 2022 to identify priorities that the board will focus on for the upcoming 2022-2023 term. He presented the priorities identified at the recent board retreat as follows:

- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Housing

Specific topics discussed included the following:

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- Need for board members to be active in promoting change in the community, highlighting efforts by several board members on the tractor trailers parking on Stewart Lane, a residential street along US29.
- The need for a balance of market and affordable housing in East County.
- How to increase civic engagement in East County.

Election of ECCAB Officers, ECCAB Committee Chairs

- East County Director Jewru Bandeh presented the roles and procedure for elections of board officers. The board motioned and approved without objection to elect its officers and committee chairs at the October 5, 2022 meeting.
- The board also discussed options for meeting formats (e.g., a single two-hour joint committee meeting, separate meetings for each committee, or two one-hour back-to-back committee meetings). The board motioned and approved postponing the decision for the next meeting on October 5, 2022. The board decided to have the issue discussed further at the next Joint Planning/Economic and Quality of Life/Issues committee meeting set for September 12, 2022, with a recommendation to the board for deliberation/decision at the October 5th meeting.

Updates from East County Regional Office Director, Jewru Bandeh

- Burtonsville Day will occur on Saturday, September 24. There will be a table for the ECCAB to do outreach. Board members are encouraged to volunteer by staffing the table and sharing information with the community.
- The Annual East County Tour is being planned for September 17. Jewru will send invitations to the board.
- The County is reviewing attendance of BCCs (Board, Commissions, and Committee). According to the county BCC policy, board members are allowed three absences per year. Attendance requirements will be closely monitored moving forward.
- The Montgomery County Planning Department is hosting a (Fairland Briggs Chaney Placemaking Festival at the Briggs Chaney government lot on October 21-22, which will be open to the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm