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Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (WMCCAB) Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026 - 7:00 pm

Norfolk Room - Regional Services Center

CAB members present: Nancy Abeles, Tazeen Ahmad, Cynthia Bell, Michael Chiswick-Patterson, Tim Edib, Gary Fahle, Matt Herrmann, Lee Keiser, Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Brian Robinson, Janet Shatz, George Wolfand, Sean Xie. [**Not attending:** Byrdy Kelley, Susan Klees, Katya Marin, Kris Warner]

Additional guests: Cindy Gibson of CM Friedson's Office, Allie Williams of the Greater Bethesda Chamber, Debbie Spielberg of County Executive's Office.

Regional Services: Peter Fosselman, TJ Dant, Brandan Stuckey

2nd District Police: Lt. John King

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair – 7:06 PM
2. Guest Speakers
 - a. Battalion Chief Andrew Gettig, [Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service](#). Introduction to WMCCAB.
 - b. Planning Dept. Staff Members Bridget Broullire, Deputy Director and Khalid Afzal, Special Projects Coordinator. Update on the [Community Planning Academy](#).
3. Reports
 - a. Regional Services Office Director – Peter Fosselman
 - i. Potential dates for social gathering in March.
 - b. County Council updates presented by Council Staff.
4. Discussion
 - a. Budget funding issues related to a Bethesda recreation center
 - i. Funds were not depicted in the recent Capital Improvements Project list; Pete noted that over 1,000 residents and five local boards/committees advocated for

a new recreation center in downtown Bethesda; Debbie Spielberg and Cindy Gibson will investigate what happened.

5. New business

- a. Kristen reminded CAB of social event with the Greater Chamber in February.
- b. Gary reminded staff of bike rack request for the Lidl Grocery.
- c. Lee put forth the idea of the CAB advocating sidewalk improvements.
- d. It was suggested a tour of the Little Falls Parkway be given for the CAB.
- e. Lee, Brian, and Kristen gave reports on the recent Transportation Town Hall.
- f. Kristen mentioned the CAB invitation to Bethesda Historical Society Open House, January 25 and February 1.
- g. Matt reminded team about PDP-sponsored Industry Day with NSWC Carderock on 25 and 26 February.

6. Public comments - none

7. Adjourn – 9:02 PM