

**White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2022**

Meeting Commenced: 8:03am EST

Attendees:

In-person - David Child, Andy Shulman, Tom Lewis, Bill Carey, Joy Champaloux

Virtual - Matt Herrmann; Mickey Papillion; TJ Dant; Ken Hartman; Cindy Gibson; Peggy Schwartz; Michael Krauthammer; Krista Brick; Amy Ginsburg; Charles Crerand; Brian Downie; Allie Williams

Welcome/Opening/PDP Update

Matt Herrmann

- Opened the meeting at 8am and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be the secretary and take minutes
- David Child has offered to take them.
- M. Herrmann provided an update on the PDP indicating the articles of incorporation are almost finished
- There are 7 members on an interim board who will take responsibility of setting up the PDP.

BID Legislation Update

Andy Shulman

Gave an update on the BID bill and stated that the amended version will be going to the state senate floor for vote soon.

FY23 County Budget

Matt Herrmann

Began discussion on the FY23 proposed County budget. He expressed frustration and concern about the lack of communication and perceived impact of the budget on the stand-up of the PDP

Ken Hartman

Provided an update on the FY23 budget from the County Executive. Focused discussion on creation of new grant program to support business area development. The FY23 budget includes \$500,000 to award competitive grants. Details of the process are not determined yet and is subject to approval of the County Council. Some funding is dedicated to Friendship Heights due to Washington, DC already committing funds. He reiterated the County Executive's continued support for the White Flint PDP concept.

White Flint Plan – Economic Development Update

Tom Lewis

Gave an update on the WMATA site and the White Flint site. There will be a major announcement soon, within 1 -2 months about the future of the WMATA site. County is looking at an initial 25,000 square foot data computing facility.

Matt Herrmann

Provided an update on the effort to attract ARPA-H to the North Bethesda/White Flint area.

North Bethesda TMD Updates

Peggy Schwartz

Gave an update on transportation and working with NIH to assist them in getting back to work. Currently they are only required to work 1 day a week in the office.

Marketing/Placemaking Update

Krista Brick

Gave update on marketing and mentioned there are lots of inquiries regarding the use of the pop-up park behind the Marriott Conference Center parking garage. Pikes Peak 10K is returning. Andy and Matt plan to run. Correction Andy will be handing out beverages.

BRT Plan Update

Michael Krauthamer

Discussed the county transportation corridor, current in talks regarding terminus's, routes and stops.

Meeting adjourned by Matt at 9am