



Minutes

Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board Agenda (WMCCAB)

April 17, 2023 - 7:00 pm

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair - 7:00pm
2. Attendance
 - a. CAB Members Present: Nancy Abeles, Michael Chiswick-Patterson, Timur Edib, Gary Fahle, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Katya Marin, Troy Murtha, Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Brian Robinson, Jennifer Rostami, Janet Shatz, George Wolfand, Vashti Van Wyke.
CAB Members Not Present: Brendan McKay, Matt Herman
Regional Services: Pete Fosselman, TJ Dant
Speaker: Atara Margolies, Montgomery County Planning
Other Guests: Joy Champaloux, Paul Ellis, Laurie Edberg, Cindy Gibson, Cecily Thorne, Elza Hisel-McCoy
3. Approval of the February and March 2023 Minutes postponed to email vote
 - a. Director Fosselman gives overview of new approval process due to County legislation.
4. Guest Speaker: Atara Margolies and Team from Montgomery County Planning Department: [Friendship Heights Select Site Zoning Study](#)
 - a. Discussed the Friendship Heights Select Sites Zoning Study. Planning Dept will go to the Board with their study of 5 selected sites and be ready to present analysis/findings by end of 2023. Because it's a study, there is no action or recommendation as a result, only findings presented to the Planning Board for informational purposes.

5. Discussion – TJ Dant, Community Projects Manager
 - a. Community engagement is beginning now for the upcoming CIP budget. TJ solicited feedback from the CAB regarding the interest level of proposed projects. Several members shared projects of interest for their neighborhoods.

6. Reports:
 - a. Bethesda Urban Partnership – Katya Marin
 - Katya reviewed vacant retail spaces, updates on Streeetry project, and BUP strategic plan. There is a new Bethesda Circulator App showing bus locations in real time.
 - b. Community Projects Manager – TJ Dant:
 - Recruiting continues for the Urban District Manager position. The A&E Board recently approved its next project which is a mural at the Norfolk Avenue Streatery. Continued work with OMB and Council on FY24 Budget. Presenting budget to Council Economic Development Committee on 4/21. Assisting MCDOT in community engagement for replacing of sidewalks within one mile of the Bethesda Metro for the Purple Line project.
 - c. RSO Director – Pete Fosselman:
 - Submitted written report and noted the highlights including “A Day with Gabe” is coming up, allowing a tour of several sites within the CAB district with Council Member Gabe Albornoz and Council colleagues. CAB members will participate.

7. New Business:
 - a. Members discussed writing letter of support for Police funding in FY24 operating budget, and multiple projects in FY24 CIP budget.

8. From the Public: Statement requesting support for study to look at the cost of implementing sprinkler law.

8. Adjourn

Officers and Staff

Chair: Kristen Nelson	Vice Chair: Vashti Van Wyke,
Secretary: Mark Rittenberg	Chair Emeritus: Katya Marin
Director: Peter Fosselman	Community Projects Manager: Thomas Dant

Communities

Bethesda - Cabin John - Chevy Chase - Friendship Heights - Garrett Park
Glen Echo - North Bethesda - Pike District – Potomac – Rockville - Twinbrook