



Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board Minutes (WMCCAB)

November 21, 2022, 7:00 pm

Present: Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Nancy Abeles, Gary Fahle, Matt Herrman, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Katya Marin, Brendan McKay, Troy Murtha, and George Wolfand.

Staff: Peter Fosselman and TJ Dant

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair - 7:10pm
2. Approval of October minutes
3. House Keeping Items
 - a. Introduction of New Members - each member introduced themselves and gave some background
4. Update on BUP funding request for items including trash cans, watering public plantings and the addition of electric circulator bus’.
5. Guest Speaker
 - a. Laurie-Anne Sayles, newly elected at-large county council member to be sworn in December 5, 2022. Briefed CAB on preparation for upcoming term. Discussed Thrive, appointing new Planning Board, and the local economy/competitiveness. Reviewed priorities on her agenda.
6. Discussion
 - a. Pete Fosselman discussed Letter of Support to County Executive and Council for Renovations and Upgrades to the B-CC RS Building, which will hopefully lead to updates and eventually full renovations.
7. The Region served by the Regional Services Center is much larger than just Bethesda/Chevy Chase. There was a discussion about if a name change is in order.

8. Reports

- a. Bethesda Urban Partnership updated from Katya Marin. Discussed cancellation of Taste of Bethesda and kicking off the new strategic plan.
- b. RS Director, Pete Fosselman discussed the Pike District marketing contract, improvements at the men’s shelter on Nebel and a new group to promote Friendship Heights. Annual Budget Forum will talk about everything in the county budget. A new group is convening to discuss recent hate crimes along the trolley trail.
- c. TJ Dant, Urban District Manager. Norfolk Streatery has a plan to turn all the blocks on Norfolk into public use spaces. Park and Planning has funded one block for this spring.

9. New Business

10. From the Public

11. Adjourn

Officers and Staff

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

Communities

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