



## Minutes

### Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (WMCCAB)

December 19, 2022, 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, Matt Herrmann, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Katya Marin, Brendan McCay, Troy Murtha, Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Jennifer Rostami, Janet Shatz, Vashti Van Wyke, George Wolfand.  
CAB Members Not Present: Angela Bradley.  
CAB Members Excused: None.  
Regional Services: Pete Fosselman, TJ Dant.  
Speakers: Councilmember Kate Stewart, BUP Executive Director Jeff Burton.  
Other Guests: Joy Champaloux, Cindy Gibson, Laurie Ekberg, Cecily Thorne, Paul Ellis, Kathleen Bender.
3. Board voted to approve November 2022 minutes.
4. Board voted to approve appointment of Matt Herrmann as WMCCAB representative to the White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee.
5. Guest Speakers – 7:20pm
  - a. Kate Stewart, Councilmember D4  
Joining the councilmember were staffers Kathleen Bender, Cecily Thorne, and Paul Ellis. Councilmember Stewart will serve on Govt. Relations and Transportation and Environmental Committees. Councilmember discussed issues such as youth mental health, recent impact of antisemitic graffiti, her opposition to the proposed Beltway widening, her focus on public transportation issues, housing affordability policies, her support of ranked choice voting in the County, dedicated bike lanes in and around downtown Bethesda, and accessory dwelling units.

b. Jeff Burton, Executive Director of Bethesda Urban Partnership – 101 for New Board Members

Created in '94, BUP is a steward for the infrastructure of downtown Bethesda. The board is made up of residents, developers, and businesses. Funding sources include parking lot district revenue. The annual budget is approximately \$5.3 million, partly funded by self-generated revenue. BUP services include trash cans, sidewalk and tree maintenance, landscaping, and flower maintenance in the Urban District. Discussed circulator routes, potential expansion, marketing, and ridership.

6. Discussion

- a. Board voted to approve letter of support for FY24 budget enhancements for the Bethesda Urban District.

7. Reports – 8:10pm

a. Bethesda Urban Partnership – Katya Marin

Discussed progress made with the strategic plan.

b. RS Director, Pete Fosselman

Pike District Partnership recently receiving grant funding. Friendship Heights Alliance also received grant funding. Discussed annual budget forum with County Executive Elrich and concerns from Springfield community regarding overflow traffic from Westbard construction. New Program Manager position has been approved for the RSC. Meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> District Police Commander to discuss antisemitic graffiti. Updates on repairs to RSC, as building needs renovations and furniture.

c. TJ Dant, Urban District Manager

Highlighted recent success of Winter Wonderland event. Vision Zero presentation reviewed successes and bike lane construction. Evening construction upcoming on Old Georgetown and Woodmont. Garage 11 (Marriott) is now open to public after 11:00am.

8. Public Forum

- a. No comments.

9. Adjourn – 8:30pm

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