



Minutes

Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (WMCCAB)

February 21, 2022, 7:00 pm

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair - 7:05 p.m.
2. Attendance
 - a. CAB Members Present: Nancy Abeles, Michael Chiswick-Patterson, Gary Fahle, Matt Herrmann, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Brendan McKay, Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Jennifer Rostami, Janet Shatz, Vashti Van Wyke, George Wolfand.
CAB Members Not Present: Angela Bradley
CAB Members Excused: Katya Marin, Troy Murtha
Regional Services: Pete Fosselman, TJ Dant
Speakers: Judy Costello, Special Projects Manager, Office of the County Executive
Other Guests: Joy Champaloux, Paul Ellis, Laurie Edberg, Cindy Gibson, Matt Higgins, Cecily Thorne
3. Board voted unanimously to approve January 2023 minutes.
4. Guest Speaker:
Judy Costello: Special Projects for Business Development for County Executive

Discussed the County's efforts to secure a headquarters at White Flint for ARPA-H. \$2.5 billion in funding for agency with a headquarters staff of 210 people. Would also draw other businesses. California, Texas, Massachusetts are all competing for this agency.
5. Action on Letter of Support for ARPA-H:
Matt Herrmann suggested the CAB send a letter in support of North Bethesda as the new home for ARPA-H. The CAB unanimously voted to approve such a letter.
6. Overview of Regional Services Functions
Peter Fosselman, Director of Regional Services
Covers Bethesda, Potomac, Kensington among others. It is designed to bring county services to the community. One of three urban districts, which includes additional funding and responsibilities. Kristen asked if there is interest in an in-person CAB meeting. There will be some dates proposed for

such meeting.

7. Reports

- a. White Flint Downtown Advisory Board/Pike District Partnership – Matt Herrmann
A lot of excitement over ARPA-H. council members Stewart and Glass have been actively working to put the County's best foot forward in landing the agency. An upcoming event at AMP, to discuss North Bethesda.
- b. Planning and Permitting — Elizabeth Kellar
Action about regulations for being green and efficient
Department has set up a subcommittee to help people understand the changes ahead
- c. Regional Services, Pete Fosselman
Reviewed upcoming events in addition to the overview.
- d. TJ Dant, Urban District Manager
Reviewed key actions in the past month, including BUP Strategic Plan, upcoming workaround opening event, East-West Highway closure, and updates about the Writers Center

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Public Forum

- a. Tuckerman Lane: Paul Ellis from Councilmember Stewart's office is urging people to weigh in on the road diet proposal.

10. Adjourn by unanimous consent – 9:15 p.m.

Officers and Staff

Chair: Kristen Nelson
Secretary: Mark Rittenberg

Vice Chair: Vashti Van Wyke
Chair Emeritus: Katya Marin

Regional Services 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

