



Minutes

Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (WMCCAB)

March 20, 2022, 7:00 pm

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair - 7:05 p.m.
2. Attendance
 - a. CAB Members Present: Nancy Abeles, Michael Chiswick-Patterson, Timur Edib, Gary Fahle, Matt Herrmann, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Katya Marin, Troy Murtha, Kristen Nelson, Mark Rittenberg, Jennifer Rostami, Janet Shatz, George Wolfand.
CAB Members Not Present: Brendan McKay, Vashti Van Wyke
Regional Services: Pete Fosselman, TJ Dant
Speaker: Anita Vassallo, Director of Montgomery County Libraries
Other Guests: Joy Champaloux, Paul Ellis, Laurie Edberg, Cindy Gibson, Cecily Thorne
3. Guest Speakers
 - a. Anita Vassallo, Director of Montgomery County Libraries
Reviewed the county's library strategy, discussed the challenges the libraries are facing, and talked about how they are preparing to serve the community in the future, including as an electronic resource and a community space.
CAB members asked questions about various aspects of the library program, including languages, senior services, technology v. books, workforce, and business development, and more.
 - b. CAB Focus Topics
The CAB discussed areas it would like to focus on and priorities it wants to set. The group would like to have an in-person special meeting, possibly on a weekend, to explore these issues.
4. Reports
 - a. Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) – Katya Marin
White Flint Downtown Advisory Board/Pike District Partnership – Matt Herrmann

- b. North Bethesda Rapid Transit – Timur Edib
- c. Peter Fosselman, Director of Regional Services
- d. TJ Dant, Urban District Manager

5. New Business

- a. None

6. Public Forum

7. 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