



## Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Held virtual via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88162196572>;

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Call to Order:	Arquilla Ridgell, Chair			Respectfully Submitted by: Meghan Pazmino, Secretary		
Date/Time:	May 15, 2025, 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	X	Arquilla Ridgell (Chair)	X	Serge Thomas (Vice Chair)		Liza Smith
	X	Carol Kosary		Lee Rubenstein	X	Debra Liverpool
		Gary Fellman (Parliamentarian)		Ben DuGoff	X	Joan McDermott
	X	Meghan Pazmino (Secretary)		Phillip Ardanuy	X	Jonathan Chambers
	X	Rob Fox	X	Rick Gross	X	Irina Norrell
Staff:	Talia Beaulieu-Hains, Luisa Cardona					
Guests:	Hannah Wilcove (Councilmember Glass’ Office) Surea Gainey (Councilmember Sayles’ Office) Shari Book - Kira Lueders - Parkwood Residents Association President Kayla Kavoukas (MoCo Rec) Alan Book Adrienne Miles Holderbaum Dianne Whitaker					

Time	Topic	Notes
7:07	Call to Order & Welcome	The Chair called the meeting to order and reviewed meeting protocols.
7:11	Agenda Minutes	The Chair called for a motion to approve the May agenda. Rick moved to approve the agenda. Debra seconded. May's agenda is approved.
7:12	Elected Officials	Hannah Wilcove, Councilmember Glass' Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today was the big reconciliation vote for the operating budget for</li> </ul>

		<p>FY2026. There's still one more vote on May 22 to approve the whole thing. This budget does many things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does not raise property or income taxes.</li> <li>○ Funds 99.8% of the MCPS Board of Education's request--help them hire a lot more Special Education, Language Development, and security.</li> <li>○ Ride on buses are now free for everyone, saving \$21 million updating fare machines to accept Metro cards</li> <li>● Pride month is coming up, there are a lot of Pride events. CM Glass is hosting events as well as local communities</li> </ul> <p><b>Question:</b> Will RideOn buses be free for everyone?</p> <p>Hannah: Yes, beginning July 1.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do you have an update about the recent veto for affordable housing legislation and what are they doing to address concerns that we don't give developers too much money? How do we balance that with building affordable housing?</p> <p>Hannah: This is not my policy portfolio but I'll do the best I can. You can always e-mail for more info and we can get back to you. The Council did vote to override the veto. Many people were writing in about vacant office buildings, which are particularly difficult to convert. My understanding is the main purpose of this bill is to incentivize developers to make these conversions.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Twenty years is a long time to give free money.</p> <p>Hannah: I know that's something they were looking into. A certain number of these units are required to be moderately priced.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do you know what the vote total was for overriding the veto?</p> <p>Hannah: Not off hand.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do you know the percent increase year over year is for MCPS?</p> <p>Hannah: \$300 million increase from FY25, increase for maintenance of effort is a \$210 increase. This year's spending becomes next year's floor. Even though enrollment has stayed relatively flat, the population of students has changed--more students with disabilities, more multi-lingual learners, and more students receiving free and reduced lunch.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do you know how this impacts the Blueprint For Education?</p> <p>Hannah: Some deadlines have been extended or postponed, and they got a little more money from the state, so they put most of that toward the cost for teacher pensions.</p> <p>Surea Gailey - Councilmember Sayles Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I'm the newest staff, covering the Health and Human Services and Transportation portfolios</li> <li>● Big work around supporting our federal workers as they transition into new roles and making sure their needs are met.</li> <li>● Montgomery County Restaurant Week - focused on restaurants that serve foods sourced from the county</li> </ul>
7:28	Stormwater Management (Flood Control)	<p>Stan Edwards, Division Chief, Department of Environmental Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I oversee a lot of climate related programs, including work we are doing on flooding.</li> <li>● I spoke to the MCCAB in 2021 when we were just getting started</li> </ul>

	<p>Stan Edwards, Division Chief, Department of Environmental Protection</p>	<p>on this effort, just after the flood in the Rockville area around Rock Creek Woods where a man died after a severe storm. That really motivated us to figure out flooding in the future because we think there are places like that around the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We're trying to get a handle on places that might be at risk.</li> <li>● We're talking specifically about Flood Management.</li> <li>● We've been working on storm water management for years, and it has a lot of different meanings and different objectives. You could minimize pollution or prevent flooding and those things are different. Flooding has become an increasing problem.</li> <li>● Reasons for increased flooding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase in impervious area</li> <li>○ Aging infrastructure built to older design standards--the patterns of rainfall are changing and the older standard isn't enough.</li> <li>○ Increases and changes in precipitation--we are seeing very localized heavy rainfalls. We still get big storms but we get areas where it can rain very intensely in one area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Two kinds of flooding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fluvial/Riverine--Precipitation creates flows that overtop stream and river channels</li> <li>○ Pluvial/Urban--Precipitation creates flows that exceed the capacity of drainage infrastructure designed to carry water away from roads and homes. This is where we've seen the biggest change. This is what we're trying to get a better understanding of.</li> <li>○ The Fluvial plains have been mapped by FEMA for years, you can log on and see the current flood maps.</li> <li>○ We don't have maps of the Pluvial floods, that's what we're working on now.</li> <li>○ Before development, there was space for water to flow to rivers and it would overflow and it would be fine. Once we've built, when we get heavy rain the stream may back up because it can't handle the volume of water. The little small stream now becomes a bigger stream and creates flooding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● So what are we doing about all of this? We started the Comprehensive Flood Management Plan. We're trying to understand where we are at risk of flooding, what's vulnerable there, and how we can mitigate the risk.</li> <li>● We want to ensure racial equity and social justice issues are considered. It's very hard for some people to recover from flooding.</li> <li>● This is a multi-department, multi-agency effort: Emergency Management &amp; Homeland Security, Environmental Protection, Montgomery Parks, Montgomery Planning, Permitting Services, Transportation, Representatives from the CE's Office</li> <li>● Three phases to the work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 1, completed in FY23: Look at the watersheds we wanted to look at; review programs and policies related to understanding and responding to flooding. We prioritized watersheds for study because we couldn't study them all.</li> <li>○ Phase 2 is ongoing, FY24 to FY27: Starting to dig into how</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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8:51	Community Concerns	<p>Question: 2612 Henderson Avenue - a property in disrepair - is there any update?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We're going to follow up with DCHA. Talia is reaching out and it's on our radar, but no updates.</li> </ul>
8:54	Board Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were working on Joan's letter, it's ready and prepped to go to Council tomorrow.</li> <li>• Vote on the letter to reopen Beach Drive in Rock Creek Park on Fridays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joan moved to approve the letter.</li> <li>○ Carol seconded.</li> <li>○ 8 votes in favor, 1 abstention</li> <li>○ Letter is approved.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Serge moved to approve the annual report and place it on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>the MCCAB website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rick Seconded.</li> <li>○ 9 votes in favor</li> <li>○ The report is approved.</li> </ul>
9:01	Mid County Director Update	<p>Luisa Cardona</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Taste of Wheaton is June 1</li> <li>● Streetery Block Party on the 3rd Saturday through October, free face painting, free ice cream, programmed by One Montgomery Green.</li> <li>● County Executive was supportive of the solution to the budget, but we need to figure out a more sustainable solution</li> <li>● Randolph Road, the affordable housing opened with 4 homes built through Habitat for Humanity</li> </ul>
9:04	WUDAC	<p>Rob Fox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentations by Montgomery County Cultural Plan, Residential Energy Programs, and Planning for Wheaton Placemaking</li> <li>● Wheels in Wheaton May 31 and June 1</li> </ul>
9:07	Community Concerns	None.
9:07		<p>Serge moved to adjourn the meeting.  Rob seconded.  Vote to adjourn unanimous.  Meeting adjourned by Chair at 9:07 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEXT MCCAB MEETING: June 12, 2025</b> (Rescheduled from June 19 due to holiday)</p> <p><b>NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (members only):  June 5, 2025</b></p>