



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

*CAB Members and Guests are asked to use the Chat Room Option for questions and comments. There will time on the agenda for those who wish to speak about any agenda item, community conditions or concerns. **We will follow the same protocol as we do for in-person meetings. People will be given 3 minutes by the Chair to speak during the appropriate portion of the agenda.***

Members: Susanna, Judy, Simone, Adam, Michael, Crystal, Louis, Alan, Mensah, Ayhanna Booker*, Arquila Ridgelle*, Serge Thomas*, Robert Hardy*

Montgomery County Staff: Luisa Montero-Diaz, Kevin Simpson, Jake Adler, Shawn Morris

***new member**

Guests: Scott Goldstein (Fire Chief), Bianca Lora (Councilmember Glass' Office)

Time	Topic	Notes
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order & Welcome Meeting Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:04 – meeting is called to order
7:05 p.m.	Introductions Welcome New MCCAB Members Agenda Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members and guests provided brief introductions Agenda for the December 2020 meeting was approved unanimously by the board. Minutes from the November 2020 meeting will be shared prior to the next meeting and approved in January.
7:15 p.m.	MC Fire & Rescue Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Goldstein provided the new members of an overview of his engagement with the board. Each of the CABs have a division chief assigned to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure world fire – Elkridge court (11/28) is a 3 story apartment building. 50 residents in the building needed evacuation. There was one fatality (resident of the third floor apartment). No cause of the fire has been identified but the investigators believe the fire started in the attic. 120 firefighters on the scene COVID and impact on MC Fire & Rescue – saw a reduction in car related incidents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saw about 8,000 symptomatic patients so far Observed a higher % of really ill patients Response times did not increase Cycle times increased slightly Winter safety

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5 biggest holiday safety hazards: cooking, space heaters, holiday decorations, and ashes, and carbon monoxide
7:35 p.m.	Community Concerns	
7:45 p.m.	County Council Mid-County Regional Office Director Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bianca – Councilmember Glass spoke out against the proposed WMATA Budget (and impacts on MC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Also introduced legislation related to fair housing (related to rental applications [fees, criminal history background, and explanations for why applicants were rejected])</i> ○ <i>Composting Bill – currently farmers are only allowed to have 20% of their composting be from outside their property</i> <p><i>Louisa (Mid-county update)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Weekly testing at Wheaton mall has been moved from Sundays to Tuesday</i> • <i>Wheaton Gateway Project – alot of community pushback on the design</i> • <i>Wheaton plaza had large art installations put up to prevent homeless people sleeping there</i> • <i>Major dennis ave bridge construction</i> • <i>Community building matching fund – the County has funds available for communities to hold events, even with COVID restricting in-person gatherings.</i>
8:00 p.m.	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Life / Land Use, Zoning & Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter on Olney town center was reviewed and approved by the board • Budget priorities will be discussed during the retreat
8:20 p.m.	Liaison Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Permitting Services Adv. Comm. • Wheaton Urban Dist. Adv. Committee • Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group • Recovery Community Advisory Group • Veirs Mill Corridor BRT Advisory Committee • Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) • Re-Imagining Public Safety Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal (WUDAC) – major focus of the discussion was around homelessness in Wheaton. The county has housing resources but they need to convince the individuals who are homeless to utilize the resources. The county has hired two outreach workers to address the growing concerns regarding homelessness. <p>OTAC – no major updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-imagining public safety advisory committee (Simone) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This committee began meeting in August and are charged with reimagining public safety for the county. Representation from all of the assistant chiefs (police), HHS, attorneys office, fire and ems. ○ About 60 members were broken into 5 subcommittees

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group 1: 911 and 311; group 2: budget and structure; group 3: police department programs, training, SRO, de-escalation, etc.; group 4: alternative programs to police and jail; and group 5: best practices for health, social services and crises response systems ○ Contracted with effective law enforcement for all ○ Survey results: training at 911 call centers – Montgomery county only has 1 mobile crisis units ○ Members of the community were promoting a collaborative response (police + MH professionals working together)
8:30 p.m.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No old business
8:35 p.m.	New Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Retreat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feb 4th – tentative date for the retreat</i>
8:45 p.m.	Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting is adjourned at 8:55</i>

NOTE: Next MCCAB Meeting will be January 19, 2020 on ZOOM

Committee Meetings: January Committee meetings will be held on January 7th on Zoom.