



**Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
APPROVED**

Call to Order:	Rick Newman, Chair	Minutes: Nedgie Metellus
Location:	2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD	
Date: / Time:	February 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM EST	
Attendees:	Ariel Winter, Kieran McHargue, Gam Wijentunge, Steve Morrison, Gregory Intoccia, Pat Lahr, Brenita Young, Robin Brannan, Oriole Saah, Francisco Acosta	
Staff Present:	Ana Lopez van Balen, Mid-County Regional Director	
Guests:	Councilmember Nancy Floreen Council Aide to Marc Elrich, Tiffany Ward	

Please note: This is a draft until approved by the MCAAB

Call to Order and Introductions
Welcome Back by Rick Newman at 7:00 PM.

Introduction, Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:
Motion to accept agenda by Robin
Seconded by Pat
Agenda accepted

Motion to accept December minutes
Minutes for December minutes accepted; one abstention

Community Concerns

- No community concerns

Wheaton Library & Recreation Center

Presentation of the New Wheaton Library and Recreation Center by Grimm & Parker and Dept. of General Services

Highlights

- 40 years of experience.
- Experience with Educational facilities, Libraries, Recreational facilities, Performing arts facilities, Government facilities, Public safety facilities, Community master planning, and Residential communities.
- Architecture of the library is based notion on collaborative actions.
- Engaging design process by involving a versatile group of stakeholders.
- Each design is unique per community.
- Latest technology involved and Go Green factor: Harvesting natural daylight to conserve energy.

Q and A

- **Plans for involving the community?** *Students, community members; all stakeholders.*
- **What is the vision for the library and recreation center?** *Light bright and airy, not overwhelmed. Your vision is ours.*
- **What features from Rockville and White Oak Library would you want incorporated?** *For example, a focal point to have a great line of vision within the library. But the library will feature designs unique for this community.*
- **Are you looking at other combined facilities as models for the new Wheaton facility?** *Community center and libraries can benefit from the blend. But the model will be based on community input and etc.*
- **Time frame for design and construction?** *2 years for design and 2 years for construction.*
- **Which county staff will be involved in the design?** *Civil engineers, architect, electrical, systems will be looking to see if they comply with system requirements, user groups and identified stakeholders.*

Old Business

Eviction Process: A proposed letter has been drafted regarding the plight of evictees and their belongings during an eviction process. To be reviewed during the Quality of Life/Budget Meeting.

Follow up discussion regarding presentation done by Jerry Pasternak, VP of PEPCO Regional Maryland Affairs: Rate Increase. To be discussed at the Quality of Life/Budget committee.

Council Report by Councilmember Floreen

- Montgomery County passed a ban on smoking on county property. “Under the ban, smokers will not be allowed to smoke on county-owned property -- including shelters for county buses -- but will be allowed to smoke on sidewalks and on county-owned golf courses.”
- She encouraged the group to get their comments on the Glenmont Sector plan to the Planning Board. She also spoke of the efforts to encourage revitalization of Glenmont through the development of the Glenmont Enterprise Zone.
- Accessory apartments legislations has been approved, the measure limits the number of apartments to one in every five houses on a block. It also restricts their size to 1,200 square feet, can't be used in a new home, home must be 5 years old. Takes effect 90 days after signed
- Sediment Control bill and Right of Way bill. To be discussed.
- They also approved the expansion of dollars allocated to the Conference and Visitor Bureau of Montgomery County to advertize events happening throughout the county both to county residents and people outside of the county.

Director/Staff Report

- The Bel Pre homicide that took place in December has helped to bring several county departments together to discuss how to support and help this community with challenges they face with crime, lack of community, and lack of services.
- She is working with the Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce to address concerns from the business community regarding problems they experience with leases/contracts.
- She continues to work with the Wheaton public safety workgroup to draft recommendations on their findings.
- Her work with the Glenmont Childcare Working Group is finalizing work that will help to increase awareness on how to start child care facilities throughout the area. Some targeted events may be planned though for the Glenmont area.

- **MCCAB Awards:** the purpose of these awards is to highlight the great work that is being done throughout our communities but also, to ensure we can all learn from their efforts as we all try to improve Mid-County. Deadline is March 1st, 2013 to nominate a civic group and person within the community.
- **Next MCCAB Meeting will be held at the Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.**
- State of the County Address will be held February 20th, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Silver Spring Civic Building.
- The planning department recommended that the gas station application of Costco be denied. Ultimately, the application still needs to go before the Board of Appeals.

Committee Reports

Land Use and Zoning

- The Olney community continues to work on getting approval for the Farquhar Middle School land swap. There is a group of residents that have formed a legal group to address this matter.
- Accessory apps, zoning code review, final draft to go out May 2013.
- The owners of BAE Systems Building have been invited to the next subcommittee meeting to discuss why MCCAB should be supportive of an amendment to the zoning of the building to be used for commercial use.
- There are concerns about increasing the ICC speed limit to 60 mph.
- BRT plans currently involve routes on 355 prior to going to other parts of the county.
- Drafted letter on Glenmont Sector Plan.
 - Motion for chair to be given discretion to edit the letter to respective party, motion passed

Quality of Life/Budget

- They have been discussing public safety especially in the Wheaton and Kemp Mill communities. There have been discussions about creating neighborhood watch programs as needed.
- Ariel Winter met with Parks to discuss the design of Kemp Mill Park, which was approved a year ago. The new plan hopes to discourage geese from being there and implements ideas on design of the playground. There will be a community meeting to discuss the plans.
- They discussed questions for the discussion today on the Wheaton Library & Recreation Center.
- They followed up on concerns raised on the Pepco rate increase and decided to defer their letter.
- They discussed updates on Wheaton redevelopment.
- Lastly, they discussed response failures from the Wheaton Fire & Rescue station.

Liaison Reports

- **Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee**
 - *No report*
- **Olney Town Center Advisory Committee**
 - *Hill Crest putting up a new strip mall*
- **Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee**
 - *No report*
- **Pepco Community Group**
 - Next meeting to be held February 26, 2013

New Business

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM