

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC)
Thursday | October 10, 2024 | 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting Co-Sponsored by Natali Fani-González

In Attendance:

WUDAC: Jim Epstein, Riana Cole, Nina Koltnow, Philip Daley, Ali Oliver-Krueger, Pedro Matamoros, Rob Fox

County Officials: Council Member Natali Fani-González; Mid-County Regional Services Director Luisa Cardona; WUD Operations Manager Crystal Ruiz; Community Projects Manager for Mid-County Regional Services, Talia Beaulieu-Hains

Guests: Representatives from DOT, Jeremy Souder and Corey Pitts; Legislative Analyst from County Central Staff, Logan Anbinder

Public: many, not required to sign in

- I. 6:10 pm Call to Order - Jim Epstein, Chair
Jim gave an overview of WUDAC and its function.
He introduced the purpose of this meeting as the beginning of residents understanding what the Urban District is, how it is currently funded, and whether there is a more appropriate model that may better serve our needs.
- II. Remarks by CM Fani-González
The Council Member reiterated that this is the beginning of the discussion and that community voices are essential in order to determine the best path forward.
- III. MCDOT Parking Lot District presentation
The representatives from MCDOT let us know that a portion of parking *fees*, not fines, goes to the Urban District.
There was a lively discussion about ideas to improve traffic for businesses in Wheaton and to bring a more lively human presence to the Triangle. Most involved less draconian enforcement of meters, eliminating the requirement to pay meters after 6 PM, or allowing parking for longer times on some streets.
- IV. Presentation by Logan Anbinder about what an Urban District is, how the WUD is funded, and alternatives to WUDs. See slide deck elsewhere on this site.
- V. Community discussion ensued, with questions, thoughts, and comments.
- VI. Adjourned at 7:36 pm

NEXT WUDAC MEETING: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7 - 8:30 PM; Hybrid