

Greater Colesville Citizens Association

Via Zoom (see bottom)

Board Agenda May 11, 2021

7:30: Attendees (ZOOM): Ben Eng, Bob Peters, Dave Michaels, Ed Weiler, Marge Currie, Marguerite Raaen, Mark Pankow, Peter Khin, Sharon Brown, Dan Wilhelm, Heather Felts, Pat Corey, Heather Phelts, Les Hamilton, Ben Eng, Karyln Walker, and guest Jerome Fletcher

7:32: The March meeting minutes were approved.

7:34: Treasurer's Report: Accepted as amended. GCCA had \$270 income and a \$985 expenditure for printing the Clarion.

7:35: Economic Development in Eastern Montgomery. Guest speaker was Jerome Fletcher, Assistant CAO for Economic Development. To help the county during the pandemic, Montgomery County has given out over \$70 million. The County Executive is aware of the long standing disparity between White Oak and White Flint and is aware of the "misguided" 1981 Master Plan which has led to overcrowded schools. The plan was missing private and government investment in infrastructure and programs to provide jobs for East County residents. The Hillandale Gateway Project is approved and will provide over 100 affordable senior citizen, energy efficient units. Rt 29 development at Industrial Parkway will be ready for final approval in July. Phase 1 will be retail; phase 2 will be residential and commercial. Sears, at the White Oak shopping center Viva White Oak is being examined as a site for a fourth campus for Montgomery County College. The Hillandale local park is being renovated.

There are plans to build a Pandemic Center to study the 100 most likely pathogens to cause a future pandemic. The center is slated to be located in Montgomery County, but that could change if the federal government contributes and wants it elsewhere. The estimated cost of the center is \$2.5 Billion. The county has given \$500,000 and the state has contributed \$200,000 although the county funds are not in current budget.

From slides:

Hilandale Gateway approved but needs building permits.

White Oak Town Center is at Rt. 29 and Industrial Parkway, not at the White Oak shopping center. Initial development will be commercial, with residential building to follow (the latest plan doesn't have residential units).

The budget for Randolph Rd FLASH study is not in the CIP but we want them to consider it next year 11,000 people assigned to FDA at White Oak but only about 9000 are on site at any one time Anticipate 12 to 18 months for the final decision on new Briggs Chaney master plan.

White Flint has an advantage for the Pandemic center as it has a Metro station nearby.

The Annual Meeting is coming up. The subject will be Thrive Montgomery 2050. Dan is testifying at Council hearing on the plan and he needs comments from everyone

ECCAB report. "Thrive 2050" projections for county income growth are not expected to increase as fast as in the past. This will impact Montgomery County development. The 1990 Montgomery County population was 72.1% White, now it is 44.5% White. Unlike Fairfax County, Montgomery County income is not rising. Only 50% of the county is generating tax revenue.

Report from neighboring associations: None

Safety Report Community Issues. Captain Bane was promoted, and the auto theft unit is being disbanded. Armed car robberies are increasing. There was a shooting in Paint Branch Park.

On-going business & updates. (No new information)

Old/New Business.

- Restructuring Ride-On service will also be studied starting this fall.
- New housing construction at Randolph Road just east of Fairland has pond for runoff water. It is a self contained system.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Bob Peters.