

LABQUEST Minutes for Wednesday, July 8, 2026
At WeAchieve, 10501 New Hampshire Ave

Dan Wilhelm facilitated the meeting.

Viva White Oak. Theresa Stegman, MCB, reported that they had submitted the development package to the Council on June 9 and hope to have council approval by the end of July. They are planning for three site plans being approved for the first phase of construction: townhouses, Costco, and town center. There will be a public hearing on July 14 and work sessions after that. Theresa held a public event on June 30 where she talked about the development and the companies for the three announced tenants spoke about what each of them were proposing. Letters will be sent to the council supporting the issuance of the financing package.

WOMC. Amy Shaw provided the following information:

- More than 700 people attended White Oak Medical Center's Annual Health Fair & Family Fun Day on June 26.
- WOMC received three awards from the American Heart Association – Get With The Guidelines for Stroke and Coronary Artery Disease (STEMI Receiving and NSTEMI).
- As part of ongoing improvements to the parking garage, speed bumps have been installed to encourage safe vehicle speeds for patients, visitors and team members.

Science Report. Charles Warr reported the following items from the July 3 science report.

- The recently published study by the Cleveland Clinic indicated that engaging in arts and culture help slow biological aging.
- The FDA approved the migraine headache treatment.
- A researcher at the Stanford University reported that a spectrum of serious health issues occurs because of chronic inflammation. She advises eating at least 30 different vegetables each week.
- Google has asked the US EPA for permission to release 16 million modified mosquitoes in Florida and California that when they mate will result in eggs that don't hatch.
- NASA is testing a supersonic prototype aircraft that will be much quieter.
- DARPA is conducting a test to identify a drone design that can lift twice its own weight.

Charles also demonstrated that the watercress plant he purchased from the store provides high levels of antioxidants.

FDA: Andrew Dempster reported that the attendance level at the White Oak Campus is holding steady at around 4000 vehicles parking at the site on the busiest day of the week.

East County. Cicero Salles handed out a Taste of Burtonsville flier that announced the July 25 event at 15540 Old Columbia Pike parking lot.

Submitted by Dan Wilhelm