



# Gaithersburg

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

(Name of Committee)

(Date of Meeting)

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**Attendees:** Ellie Eldridge, Mike Fandy, Mike Bucci, Mark Ezrin

**Absences:** Eileen Shea, Laurene Thomas, Dr. Marion Perry, Jim Simpson, Teresa Wright

**Prospective Member:** Yvonne Monroe

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

**I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

**A. City announcements and updates:** Budget, Book Festival, CCI scholarship winners, School supply drive coordination and BankOn financial wellness classes

**B. Establishment of Focus and Priorities for FY 12 grant process:** Discussion regarding the establishment of priorities and goals for grant program offered to the 10% schools. United Way themes and priorities in education document discussed along with the pros and cons of the City determining priorities and focus more specifically than what has been done to date.

Decision made to research graduation rates, drop out rates and 9<sup>th</sup> grade retention rates for Gaithersburg HS, Quince Orchard HS and Watkins Mill HS in order to get a better picture of success and challenges and ultimately areas that could benefit from support.. Discussion will continue at the next meeting along with review of research and determination of next research steps and stakeholder input needed.

**II. NEXT MEETING:** Friday, June 11, 2010 at 7:30 AM at Community Services

**II. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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