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Chairman Evans & WMATA Board Members:

The RAC met for the first time in 2017 on January 4. The following business was conducted:

- GM/CEO Paul Wiedefeld was introduced to the new members of RAC and he updated the members on progress made and future plans for improving Metro. He spent considerable time answering members' questions.
- Paul Smedberg, Virginia Alternate Board Member from Alexandria, introduced himself and made a presentation to RAC members, outlining his concerns for the Metro system.
- New RAC members Dexter Williams representing the District of Columbia and Yvette Washington representing Prince George's County introduced themselves.
- Nominations of Officers-No one was nominated for chair and election of chair was postponed until February meeting. Three RAC members indicated interest in the position. Robert Fogel, current Maryland Vice Chair, was approved as interim chair. Clarence Flanders and Robert Fogel were elected Vice Chairs of the District of Columbia and Maryland respectively. With four openings for RAC members from Virginia, election for the Vice Chair was postponed until the WMATA Board approves additional Virginia RAC members.
- RAC Committee organization-a convener was appointed for the five RAC standing committees. This person has the responsibility for organizing a meeting or e-mail communication among those RAC members who want to serve on these committees. This process will determine who will serve as the committee chairs for 2017, when the meetings will occur and what a work plan will begin to look like.
- Barbara Hermanson, former RAC chair, presented an orientation for current and new RAC members.
- For our February meeting, we plan to have a draft of our initiatives for the year, which we will review with the WMATA Executive Committee at a date to be determined.

Sincerely,

Robert Fogel

Robert Fogel
Interim Chair, Riders' Advisory Council

cc: Lynn Bowersox
RAC Members