



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary December 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arthur Edmunds and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from November 20, 2017 was approved by unanimous vote. (moved by K. Linck; seconded by K. Walsleben).

**Update from the County Council** – None.

**Update from the Regional Director** – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced the official launch of Thriving Germantown, a community-led initiative to provide wraparound services to children as a pilot at Daly Elementary School in Germantown. An Executive Summary can be found at

<https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Documents/FY2017%20invited%20applicants/Family%20Services.%20Inc..%20December%2015.%202016.pdf>

UCAB member Alan Young will represent the board on the Council's Airpark Liaison Committee. He is also celebrating the birth of his second child. Ms. Matthews referred members to other announcements in the Upcounty Today! newsletter.

**Discussion – “The Upcoming 2018 General Assembly”** – State Delegate James Gilchrist provided a brief summary of the previous legislative session and an overview of expectations for the 2018 session that will convene January 10, 2018.

**Chair's Report** – Chairperson Arthur Edmunds announced that the County Council elected new officers; Councilmember Hans Riemer as President and Councilmember Nancy Navarro as Vice-President. He also informed the board that BlackRock had a new Executive Director, Alyona Ushe.

**Committee/ Liaison Reports** – Board member William Roberts announced that, as a result of the Land Use Committee's tour of the County's Transportation Management Center and the Emergency Management Center, Rep. Jamie Raskin signed a letter to the House Appropriations Committee urging continued and additional funding for the National Weather Service so it can continue to work in strong partnership with local governments during weather emergencies. Committee Chairs Ian Weston (Land Use) and Andrew Dibonge (Quality of Life) will determine their committee agendas for future meetings. Ms. Matthews attended the Airpark Liaison Committee meeting for Mr. Young and reported that Montgomery Airpark is operating well.

Mr. Weston announced that the Quince Orchard Library was re-opening the coming weekend from a “refresh” project.

**Community Concerns/Comments** – none.

The meeting was adjourned. (Linck moved; Weston seconded)

*Board Attendance: Andrew Dibonge, Hassan Dixon, Arthur Edmunds, Mamady Kamara, Kevin Linck, Florence Messi, Linda Moore, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Tanya Sun, Kraig Walsleben, Ian Weston, and Alan Young.*

*Visitors: Christopher Burt (for Delegate Pamela Queen, D-14).*

*Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper*