

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND
Monday, June 5, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.
5th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building**

Committee Members Present:

David Scull, Chair
Sharon Cohen, Vice Chair
Margaret Greene
Paul Schwartz

Committee Members Absent:

Lee Annis, Jr.

Staff:

Amanda Mihill, County Council

Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following guests also attended to address the Committee's implementation questions:

- David Crow, Fiscal Projects Manager, Montgomery County Department of Finance
- Jared DeMarinis, Director, Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance, State Board of Elections
- Susan Meyer, contractor, State Board of Elections

Committee members discussed the "how-to" guide developed by the State Board of Elections and County Department of Finance that describes in detail information about the County's public financing program. Committee members also discussed the outreach that is being planned to inform the public and candidates about the program, including potential seminars, webinars, and other outreach opportunities. Committee members discussed certain specific issues in order to understand the implementation of the program, including digital signatures, receipts, distribution periods, and confirmation of residency for contributors.

Committee members also discussed whether the Director of the Department of Finance would decide whether there is enough funding in the Public Election Fund for the 2018 elections. Mr. Crow noted that additional information regarding adequacy of funding may be available by June 22. Mr. DeMarinis noted that it was his expectation that while 1 or 2 candidates may submit for distributions in July, many others will wait until the fall to submit for distributions. Mr. Scull inquired with Mr. DeMarinis and Mr. Crow regarding whether they needed additional staff help.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.