

APPROVED

February 25, 2013

MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
18753-210 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Mary Ann Keeffe, President  
Donice Jeter, Vice President  
Nancy Dacek, Secretary  
Graciela Rivera-Oven  
Nahid Khozeimeh  
David Naimon

Legal Counsel:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director  
Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director  
Laletta Dorsey, Program Specialist, Voter Registration  
Betty Ann Lucey, Voter Registration Manager  
Bobbie Payne, Program Specialist, Absentee Voting  
Marjorie Roher, Management and Budget Specialist  
N. Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager  
Lisa Merino, Election Aide II

Guests:

Christina Ginsberg  
Dolly Kildee  
Ed King  
Joan King  
Ellen Shaw-Belblidia  
Michael Subin  
Stephan Sylvan

## **Convene the Board Meeting and Declare a Quorum Present**

Ms. Keeffe called the Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 2:30 p.m.

## **Public Comments**

Ms. Keeffe asked if there were any public comments; Ms. Roher responded that Joan King, Democratic Precinct Chair for 13-47, requested to address the Board in advance. Ms. King expressed the need for Precinct 13-47 to be moved back to south Silver Spring and maintained there. She stated that the current downtown Silver Spring Civic polling place is too far for the residents of this unique precinct which contains no schools, and churches, and many residents that do not own cars. Mrs. King added that Precinct 13-47 has had four polling places in seven years – she wants the residents and precinct to have a permanent location. She asked the Board to consider the Montgomery College Performing Arts Center located at Georgia Avenue and East-West Highway to be used as a permanent polling place. The Board thanked Mrs. King.

Mr. Stephan Sylvan, President of South Silver Spring Association, requested to address the Board in advance. Mr. Sylvan expressed his desire for the residents of Precinct 13-47 to have a highly accessible polling place like previously held at NOAA or at the Montgomery College Performing Arts Center. Mr. Sylvan stated that NOAA is the resident's first choice; however, in his opinion the art center should meet the requirements for a polling place. He passed out copies of a power point presentation showing space, electrical outlets, parking, and electioneering space that would meet requirements given to him by Paul Valette [previous Operations Manager]. Ms. Keeffe asked Ms. Jurgensen about the use of the Montgomery County Performing Arts Center; Ms. Jurgensen stated the Center was not available for the Primary however staff will review the site and pursue the art center as well as other sites for future use. Mr. Naimon asked about the cost for NOAA. Ms. Jurgensen responded the rental for NOAA was \$6,600 for each election cycle. Mr. Sylvan stated prior to the construction of NOAA, NOAA promised the use of their facility for community purposes. Ms. Jurgensen stated staff will do further review. The Board thanked Mr. Sylvan.

\*\*\* Joan King, Ed King and Stephan Sylvan left at 2:45 p.m. \*\*\*

## **Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Ms. Jurgensen requested that the Board convene as the Board of Canvassers briefly to reject ballots; she also mentioned the need to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Karpinski suggested the Board convene after the approval of minutes. Ms. Roher requested that the Conference Call minutes be reviewed. Ms. Keeffe agreed.