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July 29, 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
Nahid Khozeimeh
Graciela Rivera-Oven
Jacqueline Phillips
David Naimon

Counsel:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director
Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director
Betty Ann Lucey, Voter Services Manager
Marjorie Roher, Management and Budget Specialist
N. Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager
Lisa Merino, Election Aide II

Guests:

Mary Ellen Hudson
Lewis C. Hudson
Wayne Johnson
Holly Joseph
Edward King
Joan King
Adol Owen-Williams
Martha Robinson
Barbara Sanders
Joyce Temple

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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 requested to speak in advance regarding Precinct 13-47. Ms King stated that Precinct 13-47 is a unique precinct that has no schools, churches, recreation centers, or libraries and has always had difficulty finding a permanent polling place. She thanked the Board for responding to the concerns of residents and arranging the use of the Montgomery College Performing Arts Center as the new polling place. However, she expressed her concern with the potential realignment of the boundary lines and how it would affect the community especially with the ongoing expansion and revitalization. Ms. King noted that she would be glad to work with the BOE to encourage the community to vote during Early Voting. The Board briefly discussed the expansion of the community. Ms. Keeffe stated that if the Board decides to keep the precinct together at Montgomery College, it would have to be with the understanding that it could be split at some point due to the development. Mrs. King stated she understood and agreed. Ms. Keeffe thanked Ms. Jurgensen, Mrs. Rivera-Oven, and Mr. Subin for participating in discussions with the Provost of Montgomery College and negotiating the use of the facility. The Board thanked Mrs. King for her comments.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Ms. Jurgensen requested an Executive Session to review previous minutes and the FY15 Budget. Ms. Keeffe agreed.

Approval of June 24, 2013, Minutes

Minutes from the June 24, 2013, meeting were distributed in advance. Mr. Naimon requested a change to page five, paragraph two, third line from the end ...*"Ms. Jurgensen reported that the City of Gaithersburg contacted BOE and has agreed to the use of Bohrer Park & Activity Center as a proposed Early Voting site (lease is pending BOE Board Attorney review)"* to add "if the Board votes to do so" before the parenthesis. Ms. Keeffe stated the site has not been approved but the lease terms are under review. Mr. Karpinski noted that the Montgomery County Board of Elections' attorney typically reviews the general lease terms (security, janitorial, and hours of operation, etc.) when a new site is under consideration to begin the process. The Montgomery County Office of the County Attorney and, in this case, the City of Gaithersburg then review and modify the lease agreement if necessary. Ms. Keeffe and Ms. Khozeimeh agreed Mr. Naimon's request was not necessary. Mr. Naimon requested that "County Executive and County Council" be added on Page 5, paragraph 4, to clarify where the funding will come from. He also requested that "Citizens" be added to read Citizens Association on page 6, paragraph 3 and "Silver Spring" be deleted.