



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary January 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Moore and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from the November 25, 2019 meeting was approved. (W. Roberts moved; R. Bartlett seconded)

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine reminded board members of various announcements in the recent newsletter. She also reminded them of the upcoming Census 2020 and explained that the regional offices were supporting the countywide Complete Count Committee by establishing and facilitating regional subcommittees with the hope of having more success with outreach at the community level. Ms. Matthews also reported that the Cable Office had distributed a postcard survey inquiring about the need and preferences for broadband service in the Agricultural Reserve.

County Council Report – Ms. Sharon Ledner from Councilmember Rice's office reminded everyone that the last two education forums for the community would be held January 28 and March 4. The forums are hosted by Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Smith, Montgomery County President Dr. Pollard, and Universities at Shady Grove President Stewart Edelstein. She also announced that a Vision Zero town hall would be held on February 9; the new community grants process was being discussed; Council's upcoming briefing on the Germantown Town Sector Plan; and the Council's public hearings on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) would be on February 5 and 6. Staff from Councilmember Glass' office reminded everyone of the Kids' Ride Free Initiative.

Police Report – Cmdr. Elizabeth Hattenburg from the 1st District introduced herself and provided a brief overview of activities in her police district.

Discussion – "Montgomery County Government" – Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Kleine provided an overview of how county government is trying to improve service to constituents by developing tracking methods to ensure that departments' work is aligning with the County Executive Elrich's seven priority areas. He reviewed the Turn the Curve methodology of doing this, and explained the "Innovation Accelerators" initiative to encourage and acknowledge employees' creative ideas for improving processes and service delivery. Other discussion items included Vision Zero, services to older adults, and lessons from the Amazon HQ2 experience.

Chairperson's Report – Chairperson Linda Moore acknowledged the county's new Fire and Rescue liaison to UCAB, Mr. Gary Cooper. She also noted that the board was represented at the Committee for Montgomery's Annual Legislative Breakfast in early December. The event serves as Montgomery County's unofficial kickoff to prepare for the convening of the Maryland General Assembly.

Committee/Liaison Reports – Dennis Barnes who serves as liaison to the Montgomery Airpark reported that the Revenue Authority has referred new complaints to the FAA about late hour noise in the community from planes arriving and departing the Airpark.

Community Concerns – UCAB member William Roberts announced that the Upcounty Breakfast Club was reconvening beginning February 31 in Gaithersburg and he would attend.

The meeting was adjourned. (C. O'Brien; W. Roberts seconded)

Attendance: Matilde Adu, Steve Augustino, Dennis Barnes, Robert Bartlett, Karen Bury, Yamil Hernandez, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Paul Klee, Linda Moore, Christopher O'Brien, William Roberts, Carmen Vega.

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper

Visitors: (see sign-in sheet)

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