



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary February 26, 2017

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

The meeting summary from December 11, 2017 was approved by unanimous vote. (moved by K. Linck; seconded by T. Printz-Platnick) The County Executive's Annual Operating Budget Forum was held on board's January 29th meeting date.

Update from the County Council – Dale Tibbitts (Councilmember Elrich) briefed the board on Council activities such as CP hearings that were underway, hearings scheduled in April on the FY19 Operating Budget, etc.). Sharon Ledner (Councilmember Rice) reminded the board about the Education Budget Community Meetings with Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Smith, and Montgomery College President Pollard.

Update from the Regional Director – Regional Director Catherine Matthews introduced Germantown resident Lawrence Evans who is representing the Germantown community perspective on an advisory committee on urban parks. He will update the board as needed. Ms. Matthews also referred board members to announcements in her newsletter.

Discussion – Upcounty Priorities for the FY19 Operating Budget – After some discussion, Mark Firley moved, Darlene Kerr seconded and the board voted unanimously to thank Executive Leggett for the additional funding support for Visit Montgomery and for adding transit service to the Clarksburg Outlets that provided those employees and customers with more travel options. The board also voted to reiterate the other items recommended in their letter sent last year with additional recommendations to: a) reduce regulatory fees for businesses providing internships that will help grow the workforce; b) offer more incentives to small and mid-size businesses to train and increase the skilled workforce; c) fund programs in partnership with Montgomery College that emphasize trade-related training; d) preserve funding for the Excel Beyond the Bell program for grades K-12; e) continue funding for the African-American Health Initiative; and f) add funding for a new Ride On route that runs directly from Damascus to Germantown.

Chair's Report – Board Chair Arthur Edmunds mentioned that the Executive Committee planned several topics for future meetings (discussion with MCPS Superintendent Dr. Smith, an update on the BRT, and an update on school construction plans).

Committee/ Liaison Reports – UCAB does not currently have a liaison to the Countywide Recreation Advisory Board. This will be revisited in the near future.

Community Concerns/Comments – none.

The meeting was adjourned. (Linck moved; Printz-Platnick seconded)

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Andrew DiBonge, Arthur Edmunds, Mark Firley, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Bethzaida McGuire, Linda Moore, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, David Rosenbaum, Tanya Sun, Cheng Tu, Kraig Walsleben, Ian Weston, Alan Young.

Visitors: (see sign in sheet).

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper