



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary March 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kraig Walsleben and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from the February 25, 2019 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that County Executive Elrich had transmitted his Recommended Operating Budget for FY20 to the County Council on March 15. Other items announced were that the Veterans Affairs Primary Medical Clinic in Gaithersburg was now fully operational, and various workshops and seminars for small businesses would be offered at the Upcounty Regional Services Center. Counseling for business owners would also be offered.

County Council Report – Sharon Ledner (Councilmember Rice's office) and Yi Shen (Councilmember Katz's office) updated the board on the Council's recent activities.

Police Report – Reports from Districts 1, 5 and 6 were provided.

Discussion – "State's I-270 /495 P3 Project" – Representatives from Governor Hogan's P3 Office provided an overview and status update on the State's initiative called the "I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study" which is planned to improve traffic flow on I-270 and I-495. They announced that community workshops would be held throughout the State however only one was planned in Montgomery County. The board voted unanimously to ask the County Executive and Council to request an additional workshop to be held in the Upcounty region. (Printz-Platnick moved, Moore seconded) * *Before a letter was sent to the Executive and Council, the State announced a second workshop for Montgomery County that would be held at Seneca Valley High School in Germantown.* The board also discussed local transit and Land Use Committee Chair William Roberts provided a draft letter to the County Executive with recommendations from the Committee's March 4th meeting with Dan Hibbard and other staff from the county's Dept. of Transportation. Recommendations included: a) expanding the "Flex" pilot to the Shady Grove Metro Station (will provide door-to-door service); b) expanding Ride On eXtra service to the Germantown Transit Center; and c) restating Ride On Route 75's service to Urbana in Frederick County to help remove some of that through traffic. The letter of recommendations was unanimously approved by the board (Printz-Platnick moved, Moore seconded).

Chairperson's Report – Mr. Walsleben asked for volunteers to serve on the board's Nominating Committee in preparation for elections of officers at the May meeting. He also asked for volunteers for an Interview Committee that will meet with new applicants as part of the recruitment process. The Nominating Committee will consist of Mr. Walsleben and MS. Printz-Platnick. The

Committee/Liaison Reports – The Chairs of the Land Use Committee and the Quality of Life Committee discussed plans for future meetings.

Community Concerns – None.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Robert Bartlett, Andrew Dibonge, Arthur Edmunds, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Tiffany Kennedy, Linda Moore, Christopher O'Brien, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, Tanya Sun, Kraig Walsleben.

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper