



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary April 23, 2018

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

The meeting summary from March 19, 2018 was approved by unanimous vote. (moved by K. Linck; seconded by D. Kerr).

Update from the County Council – Councilmember Craig Rice provided an update on Council activities.

Update from the Regional Director – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced the postponement of the Parks Department's Solar Field Power Up! event that was scheduled for April 25. A new date will be announced soon. She also mentioned that the county's Ride On bus service was hiring drivers. Ms. Matthews referred those in attendance to check the Upcounty Today! newsletter for more announcements.

Discussion – Montgomery County Public Schools – School Superintendent, Dr. Jack Smith, and County Councilmember Craig Rice provided the board with the current demographics of the county's schools, funding priorities and issues, and the new direction that MCPS is taking to offer academic and vocational curricula that will better prepare students for higher education and the workforce.

Chair's Report – Board Chair Arthur Edmunds asked board members for volunteers to serve on an Interview Committee that will interview new applicants to the board. Those interviews are expected to take place in about a month. Members Alan Young, Kraig Walsleben, and Tanya Sun will comprise the Interview Committee with Andrew Dibonge as the alternate. Mr. Edmunds also asked for volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee that will offer nominees to serve as the board's officers for the next year. Members Hassan Dixon, Darlene Kerr, Linda Moore, and Betsy McGuire will serve as the Nominating Committee and will provide nominations at the June board meeting. In preparing the Upcounty Annual Report, Ms. Matthews asked the board officers to submit drafts for their sections of the report by May 20.

Committee/ Liaison Reports – Committee reports will be requested at the June meeting.

Community Concerns/Comments – None.

The meeting was adjourned. (K. Linck moved; D. Rosenbaum seconded)

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Andrew DiBonge, Hassan Dixon, Arthur Edmunds, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Bethzaida McGuire, Florence Messi, Linda Moore, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, David Rosenbaum, Tanya Sun, Kraig Walsleben, and Alan Young.

Visitors: (see sign in sheet).

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper