



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary September 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson William Roberts and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from July 13, 2020 will be considered for approval at the October meeting.

**Council Report** – Sharon Ledner, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Rice, provided the board with an update on Council activities.

**Regional Director Report** – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that recruitment had begun to fill seven vacancies on the board. Three members with expired terms or partial terms were expected to reapply. The closing date for resumes is October 9, 2020. Ms. Matthews also noted that the board's seat on the Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee needed a representative since the former representation had retired from the board.

**Police Report** – None.

**Discussion - 2020 Election Ballot Questions A, B, C and D** - Guests Councilmember Evan Glass, Special Assistant to the County Executive Dale Tibbitts, and Charter Review Commission Chair George Margolies reviewed four of the questions that will be on this election ballot. After some discussion, the board asked about the minority position from some of the Commission's members.

**Discussion - Budget Preparation for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY22)** - Mr. Tibbitts also explained the budget outlook for the county and how departments are preparing their budget submissions for review. He also reviewed the options residents have for voting in the November elections.

**Chairperson's Report** – Mr. Roberts reminded everyone that the public forum on the Upcounty's capital budget (Capital Improvements Program or CIP) will be held on October 26 with UCAB hosting. After a financial update from the Office of Management and Budget, and remarks from County Executive Elrich, board members and visitors will select breakout groups to participate in. County staff who will serve as subject matter experts will be available in each of the breakout groups to help answer questions. UCAB members will help to facilitate the breakout discussions and monitor the chats for questions and comments. UCAB will later consider those comments in their deliberation to offer recommended priorities to the Executive as he develops his recommended budget.

**Committee/Liaison Reports** – The Chairs of the Land Use Committee and Quality of Life Committee shared their plans for upcoming meetings. Kraig Walsleben informed the board that the Dickerson Facilities Implementations Group (DFIG) had discussed a possible funding request, a near future sale of the coal plant that may be hindered by a lack of broadband access, and a concern with Zoning Text Amendment 20-01 that would allow the installation of commercial solar panels in the Agricultural Reserve.

**Community Concerns** – Bonnie Bell representing the Greater Goshen Civic Association asked for the board's support in getting traffic concerns such as speeding addressed. The board will discuss this matter.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Attendance: Steve Augustino, Dennis Barnes, Robert Bartlett, Karen Bury, Hassan Dixon, Arthur Edmunds, Yamil Hernandez, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Christopher O'Brien, Paul Klee, William Roberts, Carmen Nazario Vega, Kraig Walsleben*

*Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper, Jake Adler*

*Visitors: Please refer to the Regional Director's notes for listing.*