



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary October 21, 2019

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

The meeting summary from the September 16, 2019 meeting was approved. (W. Roberts moved; A. Dibonge seconded)

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that County Executive Elrich had appointed Christopher Conklin to serve as the new Director of the Department of Transportation. Al Roshdieh was resigning at the end of October. Mr. Conklin was the Deputy Director of Policy at the department. She also announced the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission approved a request from the Maryland Soccer Foundation (aka “SoccerPlex”) to change the name of their fieldhouse in Germantown currently known as the “Discovery Sports Center.” The approval was received on October 16th to rename the fieldhouse as the “Adventist Healthcare Fieldhouse.” Ms. Matthews referred everyone to the Upcounty Today! newsletter for more updates.

County Council Report – Ms. Sharon Ledner (Councilmember Rice's office) updated the board on Council's recent activities which have included reviewing the county's grants process, preparing for hearings on the proposed Office for Racial Equity and Social Justice, and preparing for upcoming youth town halls and the State's priorities hearing (aka the “Road Show.”)

Police Report – The board heard updates from Police Districts 1, 5 and 6. In particular, Lt. Hudson from the 6th District announced that a meeting was scheduled with residents of Cider Mill Apartments, Grady management and HOC. In addition, a Drug Take Back Day was scheduled for October 26 at various locations around the county. The board expressed their appreciation for these regular updates.

Presentation – County Councilmember Evan Glass introduced himself and discussed his areas of particular interest which include equal pay for all, increasing public transit, housing impacts, and climate change. Board member William Roberts asked about the status of moving the carousel from Wheaton Regional Park to Ovid Hazen Wells Park in Clarksburg as per the estate will of the Clarksburg property owner. Mr. Glass will look into the matter and report back to Ms. Matthews. Mr. Glass also offered his thoughts on the Governor's I-270/I-495 improvement plan.

Presentation – The board received a presentation from the county's Department of Transportation (DOT) from the new Director, Chris Conklin, Deputy Director Emil Wolanin, and DOT's Division Chiefs. The electronic presentation will be sent to Ms. Matthews for distribution.

Presentation – Mr. Robert Eisinger, Promark Partners, presented his proposal for monorail service in Montgomery County. The proposed transit service would travel from Shady Grove to Frederick along I-270. After a brief discussion, the board asked to revisit the discussion at a later time.

Chairperson's Report – UCAB Chair Linda Moore announced that board member Dennis Barnes will be filling <r. Alan Young's role as UCAB's liaison to the County Council's Airpark Liaison Committee. That committee's next meeting is scheduled for November 6th.

Committee/Liaison Reports – None.

Community Concerns – None.

The meeting was adjourned. (K. Walsleben moved; C. O'Brien seconded)

Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Robert Bartlett, Andrew Dibonge, Hassan Dixon, Arthur Edmunds, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Paul Klee, Linda Moore, Christopher O'Brien, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, Tanya Sun, Kraig Walsleben, Alan Young.

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper

Visitors: (see sign-in sheet)

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