



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary November 25, 2019

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

The meeting summary from the October 21, 2019 meeting was approved. (K. Walsleben moved; W. Roberts seconded)

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that the county's Cable Office would be sending postcard surveys to residents in the Ag Reserve asking about broadband service and their household needs for it. Germantown will hold its first annual Holiday Sing-a-long and Tree Lighting at BlackRock Center for the Arts on December 4th. The Executive's Chief Administrative Officer wants to meet the board and discuss some topics. The Regional Director will make arrangements with his office and the board's Executive Committee. The Upcounty 2020 Census Complete Count Sub-committee is scheduled to meet on December 11 to continue to develop strategies for engaging hard-to-count populations. Ms. Matthews informed the board that some facility work will take place at the Center beginning in January. To date, all of the facility's windows have been replaced and some façade repairs were made. Beginning in January, the building's elevators will be replaced one at a time. She has also requested a repaving of the front entrance, and more energy efficiencies are being identified for implementation. Thus far, solar panels have been installed on the roof and some water saving restroom equipment is being installed. Finally, Ms. Matthews reminded everyone that November 30 was "Small Business Saturday" and everyone was encouraged to support local small businesses.

County Council Report – Mr. Seamus McNamara from Councilmember Will Jawando's office updated the board on Council activities.

Police Report – The board heard updates from Police Districts 1, 5 and 6.

Discussion – "Conversation with State Legislators" - Attending legislators and board members discussed a variety of topics and issues that are expected to be raised during the upcoming General Assembly that will convene in Annapolis in January 2020. Attending the meeting were: Sen. Brian Feldman (D-15), Del. Kathleen Dumais (D-15), Del. Lily Qi (D-15), Del. Julie Palakovich Carr (D-17), and Del. Gabriel Acevero (D-39). Del. Charlotte Crutchfield (D-19) and Del. Lesley Lopez sent comments to be shared with the board. All legislators representing all or parts of the Upcounty region were invited (Districts 14, 15, 17, 19 and 39).

Chairperson's Report – none.

Committee/Liaison Reports – None.

Community Concerns – None.

The meeting was adjourned. (K. Walsleben moved; W. Roberts seconded)

Attendance: Steve Augustino, Dennis Barnes, Karen Bury, Andrew Dibonge, Arthur Edmunds, Yamil Hernandez, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Paul Klee, Michael Ma, Linda Moore, Arlene Proebsting, William Roberts, Tanya Sun, Kraig Walsleben.

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper

Visitors: (see sign-in sheet)

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