



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary November 26, 2018

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

The meeting summary from November 26, 2018 was approved by unanimous vote. (moved by Linda Moore; seconded by W. Roberts)

Regional Director's Report – In the interest of time, Director Catherine Matthews referred those in attendance to review the latest Upcounty Today! newsletter.

County Council Report – Sharon Ledner from Councilmember Craig Rice's updated the board on the County's grants process and workshops that are scheduled to assist interested nonprofit groups. She also mentioned the proposed budget supplemental appropriation to the Police Department for the Public Communications Center.

Police Report – Representatives from Police Districts 1, 5 and 6 briefed the board. There was also a brief discussion about students' safety in schools.

Chairperson's Report – Board Chair Mr. Walsleben reported that board member Bethzaida McGuire was resigning due to family obligations. There are three letters from the board that will be voted on at the December meeting. They concern CPTED reviews of school construction and renovation plans, collecting data from grantees for accountability reviews, and support for the custom crush facility planned for the greater Poolesville area.

Discussion – State Legislators' Pre-Session Comments – Senator Cheryl Kagan (D-17), Delegate Anne Kaiser (D-14), Delegate Kathleen Dumais (D-15), and Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D-15). Also in attendance were Delegate-Elect Lily Qi (D-15) and Delegate-Elect Gabriel Acevero (D-39).

Committee/Liaison Reports – Reports were provided by the Land Use Committee and the Quality of Life Committee.

Community Concerns – Germantown resident and parent Rebecca Walker discussed the crowded conditions at McNair Elementary and, on behalf of the school and PTA, asked UCAB to support acceleration of their renovation schedule in the MCPS CIP. Board Member William Roberts moved to support the request, and Member Haris Siddiqui seconded the motion. UCAB voted against expressing support without having heard the status of other Upcounty schools from MCPS (6 for, 8 against, 1 abstention). MCPS will be invited to the December board meeting to discuss their priorities.

Montgomery County Food Council representative Amanda Nesher announced that the Food Security Plan 2017 for the next five years recommends establishing an advisory board. She invited any interested persons to contact her for more information.

The North Potomac Citizens Association has asked for UCAB's support for a sidewalk along Jones Lane near Jones Lane Elementary School which would fill the gap that currently exists between two existing sections. Board Member Wayne Jacas moved to support the request, and Member William Roberts seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to support the sidewalk request. A recommendation letter from UCAB will be sent to the County Executive.

The meeting was adjourned (A. Edmunds moved, C. Tu seconded).

Board Attendance: Andrew Dibonge, Hassan Dixon, Arthur Edmunds, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Paul Klee, Florence Messi, Linda Moore, Christopher O'Brien, William Roberts, Haris Siddiqui, Tanya Sun, Cheng Tu, Kraig Walsleben, Alan Young.

Absent: Dennis Barnes, Tiffany Kennedy, Deepika Mohan, Tobi Printz-Platnick.

Visitors: Sharon Ledner (Councilmember Rice), Nicole Rodriguez-Hernandez, Bob Nelson, Joe Nelson, Bruce Goldensohn, Rosemary Arkoian, Kyle Sefcik, Cmdr. Darren Francke, Cmdr. Dinesh Patil, Lt. Amy Daum, Rebecca Walker, Amanda Nesher (Food Council), Karen Bury (League of Women Voters).

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper