



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary December 17, 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 P. Klee)

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine Matthews announced that County Executive Elrich had scheduled public forums on next year's operating budget. The one to be held in Upcounty will be January 14 at BlackRock Center for the Arts. In the interest of time, Director Catherine Matthews referred those in attendance to review the latest Upcounty Today! newsletter for other updates.

County Council Report – Yi Shen from Councilmember Katz's office updated the board on the Council's activities and reminded them that the Council was on recess and would return on January 14, 2019.

Police Report – None.

Discussion – "Preparing for Census 2020" - Mr. Daniel Jones from the U.S. Census Bureau presented an overview of the census process and challenges expected with the upcoming one in 2020. Montgomery County will once again have a Complete Count Committee that will help to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

Discussion – "School Construction Priorities" – Mr. Seth Adams, Director of MCPS' Construction Division, discussed the current status of schools, school enrollment projections, and the expected challenges that will need to be met. He acknowledged that certain elementary schools were over capacity in their student population, and others needed important upgrades for safety and security. He also announced that a boundary study for Seneca Valley High, Northwest High, and Clarksburg High would start soon.

Chairperson's Report –Mr. Walsleben conducted a vote to send a letter to County Executive Elrich that recommended that the County collect data during the application process from organizations requesting grants that will show how government funds are being spent in the zip codes of populations served (motion from W. Jacas, seconded by Mr. Siddiqui; vote passed unanimously). A vote was taken to send a letter of support for the custom crush facility that is planned in the Poolesville area (a motion from W. Jacas, seconded by L. Moore; vote passed unanimously). A vote was taken to recommend that County Executive Elrich encourage MCPS to follow practices of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) for construction/renovation of school facilities and coordinate the process with local law enforcement. The letter will also support School Superintendent Smith's budget request of \$25 million for enhanced security at Montgomery County Public Schools (a motion from T. Printz-Platnick, seconded by H. Dixon; unanimously passed). A vote was taken to ask the County Executive and the County Council to support the appropriate and timely funding of infrastructure needs of the Montgomery County Public Schools in the Upcounty region and keep them on their current construction schedules (a motion from H. Dixon, seconded by H. Siddiqui; with the exception of Mr. P. Klee who recused himself since he works closely with MCPS on school construction, the vote passed unanimously). A vote was taken to send a letter of support of the North Potomac Citizens Association's request for the completion of a sidewalk near Jones Lane Elementary (a motion from H. Dixon, seconded by H. Siddiqui; unanimously passed).

Committee/Liaison Reports – The Chairs of the Land Use Committee and the Quality of Life Committee discussed plans for future meetings.

Community Concerns –

The meeting was adjourned (A. Edmunds moved, T. Sun 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: Yi Shen (Councilmember Katz), Rosemary Arkoian, Loretta Wood

Staff: Catherine Matthews, Linda Cooper