



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary May 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Nelson and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from April 13, 2015 was approved (motion by M. Firley; seconded by K. Linck)

**Update from the Upcounty Regional Director** – Regional Director Catherine Matthews gave the following updates: a) the Oktoberfest Committee has decided not to have the event this year; b) the Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds) will host the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Corkfest (a winefest) on October 24 and 25; c) the Agricultural Advisory Committee is discussing new land uses for the Ag Reserve; and d) the 5<sup>th</sup> Police District has a new initiative focused on panhandling and homelessness where officers will engage panhandlers to find out where they come from and if they need any information or services. Ms. Matthews also congratulated staff member Miquitta Scott on her daughter's upcoming graduation from the Duke Ellington School for the Arts.

**Remarks from County Councilmember Nancy Floreen, (At-Large)** – Councilwoman Floreen spoke on a number of bills and issues that she and the County Council recently addressed. The County Council is also working toward approving the county's budget for FY16.

#### **Summary of General Assembly 2015 with Members of Montgomery County State Delegations**

Delegates Charles Barkley (D-39), Kathleen Dumais (D-15), Aruna Miller (D-15), and David Fraser-Hidalgo (D-15) summarized the recent session that included discussion on the State budget, pay raises for State employees, future plans of FDA, driving speed limits, cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, and electric cars.

**Chair's Report** – Board Chair Robert Nelson reported that he was going to have a car in the Town of Laytonsville's annual parade to promote the board.

Mr. Nelson asked for a report from the Nominating Committee (Pat Seals, Daisha New, and Kevin Linck) and received the following nominations: Mark Firley for Chair, Pat Seals for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, and Brian Donohue for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. The board voted unanimously to accept the nominations and congratulated the new officers who will assume their positions at the end of the June meeting.

The Chair and staff reviewed committee and liaison assignments and identified the following as needing liaisons: the Montgomery Airpark, Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee, and the Upcounty Regional Recreation Advisory Board. The board was asked for a representative for the Dept. of Health and Human Services' new Senior Aging Committee and Mr. Nelson will serve as UCAB's representative.

**Committee / Liaison Reports** – None.

**Community Concerns/Comments** – A visitor from Rockville asked the board to stay attentive to the need to build planned roads and resolve traffic congestion on I-270, and to advocate for a lower property tax.

The meeting was adjourned (motion by M. Firley; seconded by B. Donohue).

*Board Attendance:* Dennis Barnes, Brian Donohue, Arthur Edmunds, Mark Firley, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Linda Moore, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals (via phone), James Wallace, Kraig Walsleben, and Joel Yesley.

*Additional Guests:* David Stein, Lisa Blare, Will Roberts, Rosemary Arkoian, Robert Johnson, Anna Derry, and Abdoul Kader.

*Staff:* Catherine Matthews and Miquitta Scott

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