



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

December 18, 2023

Join Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83005922323?pwd=NU9weklCTmZTNc6OE1vTHBnTjdGQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 0592 2323

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- 6:47 p.m. Vote on UCAB Quality of Life sub-committee letter to the County Executive (Police/Public Safety Support Letter)
- Andrew took notes and will revise the letter to be considered at a meeting prior to the January 8th Full Board Meeting along with the letter on recreational fields
- 7:03 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome
- 7:04 p.m. Roll Call
- See below
- 7:04 p.m. Review/Approve minutes from 11.20 meeting
- Approved unanimously
- 7:05 p.m. Police Report
- D1 (Cmdr. Dillman) – Residential burglary trend (Potomac, North Potomac, Traylor); faith-based community security efforts; 333 bias incidents (usually vandalism or bomb threats)
 - D5 (Cmdr. Pallas) – Weapons and drugs recovered in Germantown
 - D6 (Cmdr. Stancliff) – 2 Homicides, suspects were known to the victims and have all since been arrested
- 7:20 p.m. ***Topic: Rainbow Place Shelter; Olusina Adebayo, Executive Director. To discuss plans to open a shelter for 18–24-year-olds in UpCounty***
- Hypothermia shelter for women experiencing homelessness (Nov-Mar)
 - Rockville area for 41 years
 - 3000 women have been served
 - 40 beds
 - 1/10 young people experience homelessness each year, especially those with mental health issues, those experiencing addiction, former foster children, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community
 - Looking to build a shelter for homeless youth in Germantown
 - Want to engage stakeholders early to be good members of the community
 - Questions
 - Rainbow Shelter is a 501(c)(3)
 - Looking at a location by the intersection of 355 and Germantown Rd. near the Boys and Girls Club (in a former architecture firm)
 - Looking to connect with mental health providers to refer folks to
 - Referrals come from the Crisis Center for their current shelter, but will likely work through the schools and religious institutions
 - Volunteers come in every day at 6 to make warm meals for guests (go to RainbowPlace.org to learn more)
 - Will be transit accessible
- 7:55 p.m. Update from the County Council

- CM Balcombe – elected new leadership for the County Council; CM Balcombe proposed a ZTA that would permit cemeteries in the Ag Reserve with a neighboring TDR to expand
 - CM Luedtke – Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) to assist individuals dealing with mental or behavioral health crisis to deescalate situations without need for arrest; CM is encouraging maintenance of schools and preserving the automotive tech program in Damascus HS
 - CM Katz – No updates
 - CM Glass – New leadership was elected; CM requested that the State enable the County to allow wine and beer as carryout items, as had been done temporarily during the pandemic.
- 8:03 p.m. Upcounty Regional Office Director
- Need for sidewalks
 - Community meeting in Cider Mill after a homicide
 - Shop small event at BlackRock with the GGCC
 - Upcounty wants to be the next location for the drone pilot program
- 8:10 p.m. Community Concerns (3 min each)
- N/A
- 8:11 p.m. Adjourn

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2022-2023 Board Members and Committees

	Name	Area	Committee
Present	Andrew Saundry, Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
Present	Amanda Hunt Franklin, 1 st Vice Chair	Poolesville	Executive Committee
Present	Christel Bivens, 2 nd Vice Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
Present	Matilda Adu	N. Potomac/Potomac	Quality of Life
Absent	Steven Augustino	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
Absent	Wayne Jacas	Boyds/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Absent	Robert Bartlett	Germantown	Land Use
Present	Steve Wambo Kamga	Potomac	
Absent	Hassan Dixon	Germantown	Quality of Life
Present	Jay Guan	Clarksburg	Quality of Life, Chair
Present	Mary Hoel	Laytonsville	Land Use
Present	Revonne Johnson	Germantown	Quality of Life

Present	Paul Klee	Darnestown	Land Use
Absent	Paul Li	Shady Grove	
Present	Tangela Nichols	Boyds/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Present	Christopher O'Brien	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
Present	Kraig Walsleben	Damascus	Land Use
Present	Steve Robinson	Damascus	Land Use, Chair

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