



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes June 17, 2024

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Meeting ID: 895 3052 8871 **By phone: 301 715 8592**

- 7:01 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome
- 7:02 p.m. Roll Call
- 7:03 p.m. Review/Approve minutes from 5.20 meeting
- Moved by Steve Augustino and seconded by Chris O'Brien adopted by unanimous consent
- 7:04 p.m. Police Report
- District 1 – Positive response to tornado touchdowns; good officer work in shoplifting cases and getting guns off the streets; hate crimes in the Tobytown historic community
 - District 5 – Staffing changes in the district
 - District 6 – Accidental contact shooting of a 3-year-old by a 15-year-old; car-jacking
- 7:21 p.m. Topic: Councilmember Will Jawando will discuss legislation he has worked on, bills he is currently working on, and other issues he plans to work on.
- Public Safety
 - Working with law enforcement, seeking to address economic insecurity and poverty to address crime concerns
 - Drone as first responder program
 - Working to repair police-community relations
 - Proposed a bill to eliminate consent searches in the absence of probable cause during traffic stops
 - Housing
 - Rent stabilization passed last year
 - Regulations were transmitted to the Council last week, so it has not gone into effect yet
 - Exceptions for new developments and significant updates
 - Developer concerns are unlikely to materialize in terms
 - No data yet due to the implementation delay
 - New housing production fund → invest in more, new types of housing
 - Attainable housing strategies (smaller, more dense units near transit corridors)
 - Supports the “ban-the-box” legislation for housing
 - MCPS
 - New superintendent for MCPS
 - 160,000 students
 - 25,000 employees
 - Increasing needs in the system post-COVID
 - Career and tech programs → protecting the Automotive Tech program at Damascus
 - Safe cross to schools
 - Anti-Poverty measures

- Child investment fund w/ CM Albornoz, similar to baby bond proposals nationwide (\$1800 for each baby, invested in the stock market to be cashed out for housing, education, etc. upon reaching adulthood) → broad buy-in from the County Council
 - Healthcare
 - Menstrual products are now available in schools and prisons, but new proposed legislation would require it in all public buildings
 - Transportation
 - I-270 expansion is a complex state issue, but CM Jawando believes that more capacity will be needed at parts.
 - Other
 - Discussion of proudest moments and areas for growth
- 8:10 p.m. County Council Report
- CM Glass – drone as first responder program expanded to Bethesda, Montgomery Village, and Germantown; Lots of new Pride events
 - CM Luedtke – hearing on the drone as first responder program
 - CM Balcombe – ZTAs being considered for temporary structures in the Ag Reserve
- 8:22 p.m. Vote on Damascus High School Automotive Tech Letter
- Postponed to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum
- 8:24p.m. Regional Director’s Report
- Germantown District Kickoff meeting earlier this month – was well attended, there will be more of these
 - Poolesville Pride
 - New openings in the UpCounty
 - New bus routes to connect Shady Grove to other UpCounty communities
 - National Night Out
 - Employment Area Sector Plan
 - Open Houses on June 24th and 26th
- 8:31 p.m. Community Concerns
- None
- 8:32 p.m. Adjourn
- Moved by Steve Augustino, Seconded by Kraig Walsleben

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	Christel Bivens, 2nd Vice Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
	Matilda Adu	N. Potomac/Potomac	Quality of Life
X	Steven Augustino	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
X	Wayne Jacas	Boyd/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
	Steve Wambo Kanga	Potomac	
	Hassan Dixon	Germantown	Quality of Life
	Jay Guan	Clarksburg	Quality of Life, Chair
X	Mary Hoel	Laytonsville	Land Use
	Revonne Johnson	Germantown	Quality of Life
	Paul Klee	Darnestown	Land Use
	Tangela Nichols	Boyd/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
X	Christopher O'Brien	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
X	Kraig Walsleben	Damascus	Land Use
X	Steve Robinson	Damascus	Land Use, Chair

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