



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary November 10, 2014

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

The meeting summary from October 6 was not approved for lack of a quorum.

Update from the County Council –Warren Hansen, (Councilmember Berliner’s office) discussed updates from the Council and noted the short time frame before a new Council is seated. Taxi Cab regulations, and proposed Career Pathways legislation. He also discussed an issue about artificial turf & pesticides.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director – Catherine Matthews referred members to announcements in the recent newsletter, *Upcounty Today!*

Presentation & Discussion: Economic Development” – Steve Silverman, Director of Montgomery County’s Department of Economic Development discussed accomplishments and resources for small businesses in Montgomery County as well as initiatives such as positioning our assets (the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, the Women’s Business Center, the LSBRP program, etc.).

Helen Propheter, Manager, Frederick County Business Development & Retention, discussed her county’s mission statement on business retention & development, opportunities throughout I- 270 Corridor, Westview South, Carroll Creek Park, and the approval of a downtown hotel & conference center.

Chair’s Report –The board will meet with Upcounty’s State Legislators on December 8.

Committee / Liaison Reports –

Mark Firley reported that activities continue to educate the community on the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) and funding challenges.

Kevin Link reported on the recent meeting of Pepco’s Community Advisory Group and that the board was invited to tour Pepco’s new Solar Center.

Annie McDonald announced that an update on the Shady Grove Sector Plan and redevelopment would be given at a joint meeting of the Shady Grove Alliance and the Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee on November 19 at 8:00pm at Mill Creek Towne Elementary School.

After a brief discussion, the board decided to submit a letter nominating board member David Rosenbaum as an at-large member of a CCT advisory committee (motion from Mark Firley, seconded by Kevin Linck). The motion was approved unanimously.

Community Concerns/Comments – None

Board Attendance: Juan Cardenas, Brian Donohue, Cherian Eapen, Mark Firley, Scott Graham, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Annie McDonald, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, and Pat Seals

Additional Guests: Warren Hansen, Ginny Terhune, Rosemary Arkoian, David Stein, Linda Moore, Wanda Freeman, and Janice Freeman

Staff: Catherine Matthews and Miquitta Scott

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