



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary December 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cherian Eapen and introductions were done.

The meeting summaries from the November 18 meeting was approved (Linck moved; Printz-Platnick seconded).

Update from the County Council – Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Craig Rice updated the board on the status of the Clarksburg Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment and the BRT project. The Council will hold public hearings on the CIP on February 5 and 6, 2014.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- Residents can still register for health insurance at the Upcounty Regional Services Center. During the week of December 9-13, 166 customers logged on at the website to register. Applicants are still experiencing some computer problems but are being assisted onsite by navigators and assisters.
- A planning committee has been formed to prepare for the opening of the new Animal Services and Adoption Center which should open in late winter 2014.

Discussion – An Update from Councilmember Nancy Floreen

Ms. Floreen provided some background on the Zoning Ordinance ReWrite project and an overview of proposed changes that will go to full Council worksessions in January 2014. She informed the board that there will be joint worksessions of the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) and the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee (T&E) on the Clarksburg/Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment. The sessions will be on January 13, 17 and 24 and she encouraged residents to continue to send in comments. She also recapped her meeting with representatives from homeowner and condominium associations. A video of the meeting is available on her county webpage. Ms. Floreen also stated that the County Council may not be able to address the Midcounty Highway/M83 road project due to the numerous other issues before them.

Chair's Report

- The newly renovated Gaithersburg Library is scheduled to reopen on January 4.
- The board's priorities for capital projects will be provided in testimony presented at the Council's public hearing on the 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). **After some discussion, the board decided to add their list of priorities a comment encouraging officials to proceed with the construction of the new North Potomac Recreation Center. (Moved by B. Donohue, seconded by P. Seals.)**

Committee / Liaison Reports - None.

New Business/Announcements – None.

Community Concerns/Comments – Clarksburg resident David Stein reminded the board that Clarksburg's population has grown significantly and, with it, traffic congestion. He encouraged the board to support the Midcounty Highway/M83 road project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm (Seals moved; Rosenbaum seconded).

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Board Attendance: Juan Cardenas, Brian Donohue, Cherian Eapen, Scott Graham, Matthew Leakan, Kevin Linck, Annie McDonald, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, Gail Robinson, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, James Wallace.

Additional Guests: Rosemary Arkoian, Joe Nelson, David Stein, Dale Tibbitts.

Staff: Catherine Matthews

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