



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary September 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Moore and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from the June 17 meeting was approved. (W. Roberts moved; K. Walsleben seconded)

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Catherine Matthews introduced Judy Stephenson, Business Solutions Group. She also announced that County Executive Elrich had scheduled the Upcounty public forum on the upcoming Operating Budget for October 28 at BlackRock Center for the Arts. The inclement weather date is November 7. Ms. Matthews announced that a Germantown Oktoberfest Parade and day of festivities would take place on October 5 throughout the business district.

County Council Report – Ms. Rose Taylor from Councilmember Rice's office updated the board on a number of upcoming activities and legislative actions including the Racial Equity Bill, and a Zoning Text Amendment related to vaping near schools, libraries, and recreation centers.

Police Report – The board heard updates from Police Districts 1, 5 and 6.

Presentation and Discussion – Mr. Khalid Afzal from the Planning Department provided an overview of Thrive Montgomery 2050, a community awareness and engagement initiative that will help in updating the county's General Plan.

Chairperson's Report – UCAB Chair, Linda Moore, thanked the board's Interview Committee for their time in interviewing board applicants. She reminded everyone of the County Council's event commemorating the 400th year anniversary of slaves being brought to this country. Ms. Moore also reviewed the county's community exercise on racial equity that was recently held at BlackRock Center for the Arts. She, board member William Roberts, and Montgomery Village Foundation Vice-President David Humpton also shared their perspectives on the event.

Committee/Liaison Reports – None.

Community Concerns – Ms. Margaret Schoap encouraged residents to come forth with their ideas on how to impact and improve communities. Mr. Sherlock Grigsby, representing the North Potomac Citizens Association, informed the board that the process for starting the Jones Lane Sidewalk Project that the board supported was underway.

The meeting was adjourned. (W. Roberts moved; K. Walsleben seconded)

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