



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Full UCAB Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025

#### **HYBRID MEETING**

*In Person: UpCounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown, MD 20874*

*Online Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86090967789>*

Meeting ID: 860 9096 7789

*By phone: 301 715 8592*

- 7:04 p.m. **Call to Order– Roll Call** (Approved Minutes from June 16 Meeting – motion to adopt by Paul Lauria, Seconded by Melane Hoffman)
- 7:06 p.m. **Police Report;** *Commander Dillman (D#6, Gaithersburg/MontgVllg), Commander Pallas (D#5, Germantown), Commander Satinsky (D#1, Rockville)*  
--Continued gun violence in D6 and D5. Suspected gang-related because pattern of a shooting in Germantown followed by one a few days later in Montgomery Village; noted police work in getting guns off of the streets to reduce shootings. (Was suggested for potential meeting topic for next year.)  
--Pack robberies (knife point) in Rio  
--Noted recent increase in car thefts in Poolesville in last few weeks  
--A drug market broken up in an apartment complex off of Gunner's Branch—residents grateful to get lives back.  
--Noted upcoming Safe Streets Events.
- 7:36 p.m. **UCAB End of the Year Presentation to County Executive Marc Elrich:**  
--Discussed BRT on 355 and M83  
--Cell phone coverage gap  
--Homelessness – wholeheartedly supports a task force to identify gaps and locations to provide services to Upcounty homeless  
--Noted streamlining police recruiting—requires 60 college credits—program through UMD Global Campus; relaxed prior marijuana usage restrictions  
--CE explained that the development assessment issued to developers is a far lower percentage compared to surrounding areas (Fairfax & DC) and that he has no authority to change those assessments since it is state-regulated. These assessments are used for road infrastructure; therefore, MoCo doesn't have the funds needed to improve or build road infrastructure like our surrounding areas. Additionally, he noted that the funds from these assessments (Clarksburg development, as an example) are not necessarily used for that region's infrastructure but instead can be allocated for use in any area of the county, including downcounty.  
--CE spoke to capital improvements for some Upcounty schools, noting that he has no say over the budget, which comes directly from MCPS.

9:06 p.m. **County Council Report**  
Council Member Marilyn Balcombe present—noted she voted to keep M83 in committee; in alternative, passed amendment to expand scope of transportation study in Clarksburg.

**Regional Director's Report** - sent in separate e-mail to list serve for time; noted National Night Out, other events. Also mentioned: 5 openings for UCAB

9:08 p.m. **Review and Vote on Letter: “Request for a Task Force to Address the Availability of Services for Unsheltered Residents in the Upcounty Region”:** Motion to vote on letter as is – Lynn Arndt seconded by Paul Klee – vote – all in favor

9:09 p.m. **Community Concerns** - none

9:09 p.m. **Adjourn.** Wayne Jacas Motioned, Lynn Arndt Seconded

*ROLL CALL: (A) Absent (EA) Excused Absence (P) Present*



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**2024-2025 Board Members and Committees**

Name	Area	Committee
Matilda Adu (A)	Rockville	Quality of Life
Andrew Saundry (EA)	Germantown	Land Use
Steve Augustino (A)	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
Paul Klee (P)	Darnestown	Land Use
Christel Bivens (P)	Germantown	Land Use
Jay Guan (A)	Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Wayne Jacas (P)	Boyd's	Land Use
Steve Robinson (A)	Damascus	Land Use
Kraig Walsleben (A)	Damascus	Land Use
Lynn Arndt (P)	Boyd's	Quality of Life
Michelle Ashafa (P)	Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Jason George (P)	Germantown	Land Use
Melane Hoffmann (P)	Clarksburg	Land Use
Mary Keane (P)	North Potomac	Quality of Life
Paul Lauria (P)	Gaithersburg	Land Use
Dana Pauley (EA)	Boyd's	Quality of Life
Marc Robles (P)	Montgomery Village	Quality of Life
Sarah Stevens (P)	Damascus	Quality of Life
Teresa Watkins (P)	Clarksburg	Land Use
Matthew Woorman (P)	Germantown	Quality of Life

