



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA March 18, 2024

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome
- 7:01 p.m. Roll Call
- 7:03 p.m. Review/Approve minutes from 2.26.24 meeting
- Moved by Chris O'Brien
 - Seconded by Paul Klee
 - Adopted without objection
- 7:03 p.m. Police Report
- D1 – Cmdr. Dillman – 2 arrests by special assignment team in response to vehicle theft and cigarette theft from several 7/11 stores; officer shortage continues to grow (179 currently)
 - D5 – Cmdr. Pallas – arrest by patrol officers for an assault
 - D6 – Cmdr. Stancliff – attempted kidnapping in front of the Cider Mill Apartments, fled the scene; continued thefts of clothing; 3 arrests in homicide along Game Preserve Rd.
- 7:16 p.m. Vote on letter to the County Executive regarding equitable use of sports fields.
- Moved by Paul Klee
 - Seconded by Chris O'Brien
 - Vote:
 - Adopted 9-0 with no abstentions
- 7:20 p.m. County Council Report
- Hope Klien – CM Glass
 - County Executive transmitted the budget to the Council
 - More recreational and sports facilities
 - Building Energy Performance Standards
 - Doug Wallach – CM Luedtke
 - Request for the expansion of drone as first responder program into Gaithersburg
 - Craig Wilson – CM Balcombe
 - Western Montgomery Recreation Center funding
 - Budget
 - Building Energy Performance Standards
 - Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 meeting at Rocky Hill MS on the Clarksburg Library
 - Channon Sicard – CM Katz
 - No updates
 - Christina Neidlinger – CM Jawando
 - No updates
- 7:44 p.m. Topic: Councilmember at Large, Laurie-Anne Sayles will discuss legislation she has worked on, bills she is currently working on, and other issues she plans to work on.
- Health and Human Services Committee
 - Economic Development Committee
 - Protecting the Ag Reserve

- Tax increase last year to fund education
- No tax increase this year – MC is in a surplus
- Germantown Services Center
- Electric Vehicles and HOV lanes
- Affirming equity in access to Montgomery College
- \$70 million invested in preserving current affordable housing and redeveloping unused commercial spaces
- Housing initiative fund invests in P3s for affordable housing construction (\$57 million)
- Introduced legislation to ensure that landlords publicize renter’s rights
- Led on a ZTA to promote the construction of new housing (if there is 30% affordable units, the permitting process is sped up to 90 days from 2 years)
- Council passed rent stabilization last year
- Setting goals to ensure students get access to school lunches, checking in on county efforts to end hunger
- Recognized National Farmers Day
- \$20 million jobs initiative to reward employers who bring good-paying jobs into the County (\$10-\$12,000 for employers who bring 6-figure jobs into the county)
- Guaranteed income pilot
- Climate Action Plan
- Supporting Minority and Women owned businesses
- Disparity study from the County Small Business Center
- Investments in AI
- Smart Youth Advisory Council
- Community Centers as Crime prevention
- Members asked questions about the police staffing shortage, public safety, and community engagement

8:53 p.m.

Regional Director’s Report

- \$6.8 million for the Clarksburg library in the budget to purchase the land
- Reimagining Ride-On
- Damascus Rec Center
- Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan
- GGCC BID Study
- Destination Germantown tour of the soccerplex
- Agro-tourism

8:59 p.m.

Community Concerns

- National Bike to Work Day event at BlackRock
- White’s Ferry

9:08p.m.

Adjourn

- Paul moved
- Christel seconded

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2023-2024 Board Members and Committees

Attendance	Name	Area	Committee
X	Andrew Saundry, Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
X	Amanda Hunt Franklin, 1st Vice Chair	Poolesville	Executive Committee
X	Christel Bivens, 2nd Vice Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
	Matilda Adu	N. Potomac/Potomac	Quality of Life
X	Steve Augustino	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
X	Wayne Jacas	Boyds/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
	Steve Wambo Kanga	Potomac	
X	Jay Guan	Clarksburg	Quality of Life, Chair
X	Mary Hoel	Laytonsville	Land Use
	Revonne Johnson	Germantown	Quality of Life
X	Paul Klee	Darnestown	Land Use
	Tangela Nichols	Boyds/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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