



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA April 15, 2024

Join Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89530528871>

Meeting ID: 895 3052 8871

By phone: 301 715 8592

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome
- 7:01 p.m. Roll Call (below)
- 7:02 p.m. Review/Approve minutes from 3.18 meeting
- Moved by Steve Robinson
 - Seconded by Mary Hoel
 - Adopted by unanimous consent
- 7:04 p.m. Police Report
- D6 – Commander Stancliff, non-contact shooting
 - D5 – Commander Pallas, string of burglaries of opportunity at houses of worship across the region.
- 7:09 p.m. Topic: Montgomery Planning Germantown Employment Area Study
Featuring: Clark Larson, Don Zeigler, and Jamey Pratt
- Goals:
 - Reflecting on the 2009 master plan to see how it has done in bringing jobs into the employment sector
 - Explore whether Germantown will still become a major jobs center
 - Community engagement
 - Work with the new Thrive 2050 master plan
 - Outline of the sector and the transit networks that intersect with it
 - Content to study
 - Residential and retail growth
 - Employment market
 - Transit networks in the region
 - Potential urban district
 - Zoning updates
 - Modelling future development
 - Schedule
 - Right now – community outreach and study
 - Wednesday, May 15th at 8pm – Community Open House at the Germantown Library
 - Ask about how it intersects with Thrive since Thrive wasn't designed for us
 - Informing the development of villages
 - How can we get more amenities into these villages
 - Strive for more density in some locations
 - Emphasize complete communities
 - Better pedestrian and bicycling experience
 - More mixed-use
 - Build out the transit center in Germantown Town Center

- Prepare for a potential red-line expansion
- Why was Germantown built out so differently?
 - Very residential-development-heavy
 - Not close enough to the red line or other transit networks
 - Land economics
- Is the County taking any steps to encourage more employers to come to Germantown?
 - That's mostly MCED
- You keep hinting at the fact that it seems like the office complexes are not being used on Century Blvd. What can be done with all these new unused buildings that might revitalize this area?
 - Ratios in the sector plan of residential units to employment development in the 2009 plan may need to be reconsidered
 - This could be proposed in an amendment, but this is beyond the scope of the study
- Ask about canvassing efforts and the feedback they are hearing from residents
 - Still in the early stages
 - Everyday canvassing if we move into a more formal amendment process due to limited capacity
 - Reached out to HOAs
 - Mailers and emails

7:56 p.m.

County Council Report

- Hope Klien – CM Glass
 - MOVE Act – aimed at eliminating office vacancies (22% right now, 27% in Germantown) through grants
- Doug Wallach – CM Luedtke
 - Airpark Advisory Committee
 - Damascus HS rebuild has been pushed back. New start time is uncertain
- Craig Wilson – CM Balcombe
 - MOVE Act
 - Budget is under review
 - Expanding geographic diversity of boards and commissions
 - Ruben Rosario approved for UpCounty Regional Services Director
- Christina Leidlinger – CM Jawando
 - Funding for the school system

8:13 p.m.

Regional Director's Report

- Introduction to the new Regional Services Director, Ruben Rosario. Public Safety background in the 5th District.
- BlackRock Center for the Arts has a hearing on a special appropriation tomorrow in the County Council

8:21 p.m.

Community Concerns

8:22 p.m.

Adjourn

- Moved by Paul Klee
- Seconded by Wayne Jacas

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2023-2024 Board Members and Committees

Present	Name	Area	Committee
Present	Andrew Saundry, Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
Absent	Amanda Hunt Franklin, 1st Vice Chair	Poolesville	Executive Committee
Present	Christel Bivens, 2nd Vice Chair	Germantown	Executive Committee
Absent	Matilda Adu	N. Potomac/Potomac	Quality of Life
Present	Steven Augustino	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
Present	Wayne Jacas	Boyds/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Absent	Steve Wambo Kamga	Potomac	
Absent	Hassan Dixon	Germantown	Quality of Life
Absent	Jay Guan	Clarksburg	Quality of Life, Chair
Present	Mary Hoel	Laytonsville	Land Use
Absent	Revonne Johnson	Germantown	Quality of Life
Present	Paul Klee	Darnestown	Land Use
Absent	Tangela Nichols	Boyds/Clarksburg	Quality of Life
Absent	Christopher O'Brien	Gaithersburg	Quality of Life
Absent	Kraig Walsleben	Damascus	Land Use
Present	Steve Robinson	Damascus	Land Use, Chair

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