



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Summary
January 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kevin Linck and introductions were made. Meeting summaries from June 2012 through December 2012 were approved (Aviles moved; Seals seconded).

Update from the County Council – Lisa Mandel-Trupp from Councilmember Andrews’ office provided a report on Council activities. The Council reconvened on January 15 with Councilmember Nancy Navarro as the new President and Councilmember Rice as Vice-President. Ms. Navarro’s focus will be on transportation and working more closely with our county delegation to the General Assembly. Other comments were made during the main discussion.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- UCAB will host the County Executive’s budget forum on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00pm. It will be held at BlackRock Center of the Arts.
- The General Assembly reconvenes next week.
- Ms. Matthews will be Acting Regional Services Director for the East County for the next few weeks until position is filled.

Guest Discussion – “Dialogue: Public Safety, New Challenges & New Approaches”

Invited guests: Chief Thomas Manager, Montgomery County Police
Chief Richard Bowers, Fire & Rescue Service; and
Chris Voss, Office of Emergency Management

Chief Thomas Manager began the discussion with a presentation including a flowchart reflecting his organizational restructuring of police districts and expected impact/benefit to the affected communities. Chris Voss shared a presentation related to emergency management planning factors, new approaches, communication strategies, current status and challenges. Emergency preparation communication handouts were made available for UCAB members to review and distribute to their communities. A presentation on EMS and Rescue Response protocols was provided by Chief Richard Bowers. Questions and answers followed.

Chairperson’s Report

- UCAB will host the County Executive’s budget forum on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00pm. It will be held at the BlackRock Center for the Arts. The Chair encouraged UCAB members to attend.
- On January 28, the Quality and Life and Land Use Committees will not meet but Board members are encouraged to attend Councilmember Rice’s Germantown community meeting beginning at 6:30pm at BlackRock.
- On February 4, the Executive Board will meet.
- On February 11, the full Board will meet and will host Councilmember Roger Berliner, District 1. Other guests will be representatives from First Energy/Potomac Edison who will introduce their company which acquired Allegheny Power last year. Their company services much of the Upcounty region.

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee Chair Bob Nelson reminded everyone that the committee’s guest on February 25 will be Philip Tarnoff, transportation consultant. Re the recent Agriculture Conference, Beth Daly, Scott

Graham and Robert Thompson attended and provided a summary. Discussions included work related to the proposed State septic bill and better ways to market the county's Agricultural Reserve.

- The Upcounty Recreation Advisory Board will meet February 16. Daisha New volunteered to serve as UCAB's liaison.

Community Concerns - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. (Aviles moved; Graham seconded).

Attendance: Andres Aviles, Juan Cardenas, Beth Daly, Cherian Eapen, Scott Graham, Matthew Leakan,, Kevin Linck, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Doug Noble, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, Gail Robinson, James Wallace.

Additional Guests: Capt. Luther Reynolds, Capt. Willie Parker-Loan, Lt. Mike Ward, Officer Marcus Dixon, David Stein.

Staff: Catherine Matthews