

Minutes - Fair Access Committee - May 12, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Approved 6/9/22

Attendees - Link Hoewing, Jim Brown, Ed Reed, Maria McGuire, Kevin Schramm, Adam Srosa, Laura Van Epreu

Adoption of Minutes from last meeting (Approved unanimously)

Updates on Debates sponsored by Fair Access and the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce April 28th - Town Hall, District 2 Candidates – held and had a good turnout. Hearing room filled. Key questions included status of the ferry, security in schools, transportation, health care in the western county, equity in services for the western county. Four candidates running for the seat including Marilyn Balcombe, Linda Forde Phillips, Dan Cuda, and William Roberts attended.

May 22nd - Whelan Commons, County Executive Candidates – upcoming. Four candidates currently scheduled to attend including Reardon Sullivan, Marc Elrich, Hans Riemer, and David Blair.

June 23rd – Town Hall, At Large Candidates – upcoming. Five candidates scheduled to appear including Gabe Albornoz, Will Jawando, Evan Glass, Laurie Sayles and Scott Goldberg.

Whites Ferry Update and Discussion - Link and Jim met with the Virginia landowner, Libby Devlin, at her request. Mostly in listen mode. Tried to shift focus from blaming anyone to working with governments on both sides of the river to negotiate an easement. Told her that we believe both governments will contribute to a solution that will work.

PHS School Construction Budget Update - Ground Breaking Event – June 6th, 5-6:30 p.m. at the high school. Large number of county officials will be coming. Budget for the school and the community center are on track. Final vote on the budget will occur in late May/early June.

Poolesville Day Breakfast Update – Have contract with caterer. This year will be a political year with elections so expect large turnout. Should shift focus from an intensive focus on unmet needs in our area to more a celebratory and success theme. Partnership with county and our community that led to real improvements and more equity. Need a high-quality video – three minutes – to kick things off and capture the theme. Have charts around that show the success including schematics of the new school, pics from the groundbreaking and so on.

Adjourn – 7:35 p.m.