

**Approved 8/8/22**

Minutes - Fair Access Committee – June 9, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jim Brown, Link Hoewing, Maria McGuire, Ed Reed, Adam Sroka, Kevin Schramm, 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

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Debate shifted to Town Hall due to strong sun in afternoon making Whelan Commons band stand impossible. All four County Executive Candidates came to debate including Reardon Sullivan, Marc Elrich, Hans Riemer, and David Blair. Good exchanges particularly about equity for the Western County. Full town hall so good citizen turnout.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 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. Had another conference call with county and state leaders including MCDOT. Making progress in shifting approach to direct negotiations between MCDOT and Libby Devlin.

PHS School Construction Budget Update - Ground Breaking Event – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:30 p.m. at the high school. Large number of county officials attended including County Executive, council members Albornoz, Jawando and Friedson, District 15 delegation, Monifa McKnight, Superintendent of Schools, BOE members Brenda Woff, Lynn Harris, and Shebra Evans. Budget for the school and the community center are on track. Final vote on the budget will occur in mid-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 – 7:25 p.m.