

Fair Access Committee
Minutes
July 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Attending – Maria McGuire, Adam Sroka, Sarah Paksima, Susan Kennedy, Ed Reed, Link Hoewing

Adoption of Minutes from May, 2023 Meeting – Approved unanimously

Update on White's Ferry

- Hearing on White's Ferry before the Transportation and Environment Committee – President Evan Glass had originally promised hearing in June but committee business pushed back date. It now appears the hearing will not occur until September.
- PACC speaker Monte Gingery – Gingery appeared before the PACC months ago and said he could generate support for a rally or other activities to push for the reopening of White's Ferry. He has met with several Loudoun County officials and we have talked with him about his ideas. We are holding off on a rally until we get a better picture of the proposed hearing which would be a better forum for a rally.

Results of Discussion with Marilyn Balcombe About Strategy for Community Center

- Urged intense focus on getting funding in the CIP coming up – it is a new CIP for the next two years and new funding is much more feasible in the first year of the CIP. The second year is mostly amendments.
- Agreed with the video we are proposing to release in late August reminding county officials of their commitment to a new community center; discussed the letter on the budget to be sent no later than late-August) about the community center to the County Executive (copying Council); Marilyn said the priority should be on funding the community center but said making the case for funds for the year round pool and performing arts center makes sense in the new CIP; she said there should be a heavy emphasis on the Community Center at our Pville Day Breakfast
- Likes the Hub and Spoke White Paper and agrees it can form a major part of our strategy for our "fifth anniversary" program going forward; we informed her about the proposed forum on the Hub and Spoke economy for October.

Support Letters

- Letter to County Executive about Rosenwald School
 - Discussion with Greg Wims – Commitment to get sign placed by the time he leaves office in September. Language is being finalized for the sign and we should send a follow up letter in September pressing for the issue to be resolved.
 - Letter to Council President about making Jon Wolz member of Federal Advisory Committee on the C & O Canal – Call with Evan Glass on June 12th and he confirmed he will move the nomination forward for approval.

New Business

- Poolesville Day Breakfast – Run of Show discussed and approved. Focus is on celebrating the partnership with county and state leaders for five years and the new CIP with the Community Center as primary priority along with year round pool and performing arts center.
- Poolesville Day Breakfast – Ran through checklist of “to do” items. Need to focus on assignments for duties at both the breakfast and the Poolesville Day booth at August meeting.
- Fair Access Committee Schedule for 2023-2024 – Ran through key items for the coming year for Fair Access and Committee approved.

Adjourn 7:40 p.m.