

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Public Meeting  
June 11, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Committee Chair M. Carroll.

Present: M. Carroll (Chair), M. Poulsen (V. Chair), S. Black (Secretary), S. Kirk, S. Packwood, J. Bettencourt, C. Pillsbury (POA CEO), J. Webb (POA Communication & Marketing)

Absent: G. Ready, J. Arguelles (BOD Liaison)

Guests: Gary Busch

M. Carroll welcomed the guest to the meeting.

The committee confirmed the dates, who is attending, who will be moderating, and questions for the upcoming forums.

- June 13<sup>th</sup> (4 pm – 5 pm) at the Kahite Community Center with G. Ready moderating - Election Forum for State House District 21 between Lowell Russell (R) incumbent and Keneth Moore (D) challenger.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> (5 pm – 6 pm) at the Kahite Community Center with G. Ready moderating - Election Forum for State Senate District 2 (Open Seat) with Tom Hatcher (R), Brian Richie (R), John Pullias (R), and Patti Young (D).
- June 20<sup>th</sup> (4 pm – 5 pm) at the Yacht Club with S. Packwood moderating – Election Forum for Tennessee Congressional District 2 with Tim Burchett (R)
- June 20<sup>th</sup> (5 pm – 6 pm) at the Yacht Club with S. Packwood moderating – Election Forum for State House District 2 with Ken Moore (D).
- July 18<sup>th</sup> (4 pm – 6pm) at the Yacht Club with M. Poulsen moderating - Loudon County Update with Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw, Loudon County Commissioner Henry Cullen, & Loudon County Sheriff Jimmy Davis.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> (4 pm – 6 pm) at the Kahite Community Center with M. Poulsen moderating - Election Forum for Tennessee Congressional Districts 2 & 3 with Chuck Fleischman (R), Jack Allen (D), Jean Howard-Hill (I), Stephen Hill (I), and Jean George (D-District 2)
- August 12<sup>th</sup> (4 pm – 6 pm) at the Yacht Club with TBD moderating – Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti

S. Kirk informed the committee that she has been challenged by “others” claiming that the committee ignores Democrat election officials and candidates. She informed the “others” that the committee is non-partisan and it is hard to invite Democrat elected officials in either Loudon or Monroe Counties due to the fact that there are not any Democrat elected officials to invite. As far as Democrat electoral candidates being invited to speak in the Village the committee would gladly invite them to meet with the committee in an Executive meeting or have them attend any election forum, but due to the fact that when a committee member

requests such information from local Democrat party officials either they do not respond or ignore the request. S. Kirk also informed the committee that she brought forward the information to invite the Democrat candidates each time one has come forward to run.

The committee discussed the upcoming 2024 "Get Out the Vote" campaign.

G. Busch was asked if he would like to address the committee which he expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the committee for organizing the forum for the Attorney General's upcoming visit to speak in the village.

The meeting was adjourned at 1000 hours.

S. Black, Committee Secretary