

Takoma Park Board of Elections agenda
Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m., 7500 Maple Avenue

- 1 Call to order
- 2 Agenda approval
- 3 Board business
 - a) Approval of minutes (April 9)
 - b) Vacancy
- 4 Status of 2017 election report (and ranked-choice-voting-pattern appendix)
- 5 Disposition of 2017 ballots and other materials
- 6 2020 election
 - a) City manager response on using county staff as election workers
 - b) 2016 (and possibly 2008) turnout by ward-and-precinct combinations (list to be ordered from county)
 - c) Availability of and cost of purchase of a poll book (for training)
 - d) Status of memorandum of understanding with county board of election
- 7 2019 non-election: don't-get-out-the-vote campaign?
- 8 2018 election: board member presences outside precincts?
- 9 Report on county election worker training
- 10 Vote together campaign
- 11 Review of Article VI of the city charter and selection of next text for review
- 12 Other business
- 13 Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, June 11, 7:00 p.m., 7500 Maple Avenue

Date: Fri, 20 Apr 2018 16:46:12 -0400

Subject: County training

From: Arthur David Olson <arthurdavidolson@gmail.com>

I did my county election worker training today. A few notes.

1. Most of the information was conveyed using videos; visit...

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/ElectionJudge/TrainingMaterials.html>

...to see the videos that were used (and others as well). The videos seem to have been prepared by the county rather than the state; I spotted one of the trainers at today's session in a couple of videos, and a county board member in another. Seems like a good way of helping ensure consistency in training.

Non-video time was spent on hands-on exercises: setting up and using poll books; setting up and taking down voting stations; setting up and using a ballot scanner; setting up and using a ballot marking device.

There was a quiz at the end.

2. Biggest procedural difference I spotted: in the county, voter authorization cards (VACs) are collected at the ballot scanner; the ballot scanner minder is expected to initial them. So county VACS get three sets of initials all told: at checkin, at the ballot issuing table, and at the ballot scanner. 2017 practice in Takoma Park was to collect the VACs at the ballot-issuing table, so we ended up with only two sets of initials. (Then there's Ocean City, where nobody initials anything.)

3. According to today's trainers, it is fine with the county if a voter's child puts their parent's ballot in the scanner; we may well want to follow suit (whether it be with ballot scanners or ballot boxes). (We did allow children to deposit ballots in 2017.)

4. After the training, I asked about voters who show up at the wrong precinct; they're given information about the right precinct and given the option of either going there to vote or voting provisionally at the wrong precinct. That being true, we may well want to follow that practice. Doing so would mean we'd want to have at each precinct a list of polling places for the other precincts. Doing so would also mean having (some) ballots for all wards available at all precincts; in some cases they would only be used for provisional voting. Doing so would tend to increase the number of provisional ballots we end up with.

5. There was a strong emphasis in the training on election workers not touching ballots once they had been issued to voters.

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From: Jennifer M. Domagal-Goldman <jennifer.domagal@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fwd: #VoteTogether
To: BrianErnst <brian.p.ernst@gmail.com>, Jessie Carpenter <jessiecarpenter@takomaparkmd.gov>

Might TP be interested?

Jen

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From: Zaneeta E. Daver <zaneeta@civicnation.org>
Date: Tue, May 8, 2018 at 3:06 PM
Subject: #VoteTogether
To: HE-SL listserv <he-sl-listserv@nylc.org>, Studen Voter Engagement Forum <he-sve-forum@googlegroups.com>, Angie Jean-Marie <angie@civicnation.org>

Dear Colleagues,

Civic Nation is looking for community partners for its new initiative [#VoteTogether](#). #VoteTogether tests the idea that making voting community-driven and celebratory improves participation. In 2018, #VoteTogether is planning to work with local partners to host 500-800 community celebrations at or near polling places. ***This is an excellent opportunity for your institution and your students to partner with the community - serve as a partner, collaborate with a local organization/agency, or even make this a service-learning project.*** The ideas are endless for this community engagement activity designed to strengthen democracy.

To learn more, join a briefing call to be held later this week. This briefing will provide a more detailed overview of the program and offer interested partners an opportunity to ask questions. If you cannot make the call but are interested in learning more, please complete the [RSVP Form](#) and you will be contacted directly.

#VoteTogether Partner Briefing Call

Thursday, May 10th
3pm ET/ 12pm PT

(563) 999-2422, access code: 823838

or

https://join.freeconferencecall.com/angie_civicnation