

SSCAB Meeting Summary – June 9, 2014 (Accepted at Board Retreat in August)

1&2. *Welcome & Introductions:* Vice Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Board members and community introductions

3. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* May 12, 2014 meeting minutes accepted

4. *Dialogue with Montgomery County Councilmember Cherri Branson, 5th District:*

- Updates on the approved County budget (priorities funded), the Silver Spring Transit Center (timing and costs), BRT plans (a 'long-term process'), White Oak Master Plan (multiple work-sessions scheduled) and the Purple Line (citizens group from impacted areas)
- Wide-ranging discussion regarding BRT Advisory Group, Blackbox Theatre (Consortium Group to operate), Affordable Housing in Silver Spring (difficult task, County remains involved in efforts to expand availability), Recommendations of the Nighttime Economic Task Force (implementation is moving forward, some at State level), White Oak Master Plan transportation impacts, the SSCAB's desired role in advisory groups for Purple Line & BRT, Process regarding School Funding and the need to address the achievement gap

5. *Presentation of proposed redevelopment, The Blairs (Ph. I & II):*

- Presentation is for Phase I (Approx. 275 Units) & Phase II (Approx. 225 Units) Site Plan
- Highlighted features included: temporary private green area, temporary public dog park, underground parking/larger open space and decreased heights/density along Eastern Avenue
- New buildings to self-park; construction work to be internally staged with no offsite parking
- Community dialogue regarding security of the public space, expected residents & rents and ultimate community park to be provided at current location of giant parking lot
- Application has been filed, hearing in the early fall, requesting Board's support for project

6. *Councilmember Report:* Debbie Spielberg from Councilmember Elrich's office:

- Zoning Re-Write; encourage people to review their property
- Budget passed, many previous cuts restored
- Achievement gap; discussion is beginning, would like Council to have a role
- Planning Board Chair, interviews to be held in July
- White Oak Master Plan: high quality jobs to east county is key goal; make it a destination

7. *Presentation of proposed redevelopment, Elizabeth Square:*

- Project combines properties owned by HOC and Lee Development Group, many affordable housing units for seniors
- Phasing of new buildings will permit existing residents to remain on-site
- 1st Phase: Approx. 236 units; 2nd Phase: Approx. 300 Units. Some affordable, some market
- Site to feature senior amenities, large central plaza and expansion of existing underground parking
- Community dialogue regarding transit access, ownership of the land and total unit counts
- Project and Preliminary Plan applications to be submitted shortly, community meeting to follow, hoping for hearing in the fall and are requesting Board's support for the project

8. *Chair's Report:* None

9. *Director's Report:* Continue to stay informed through director's report handout and E-Blasts

10. *SSCAB Elections (All Elections Were Unanimous):*

- Chair: Bernice North; Vice Chair: Praj Kasbekar; Parliamentary Vice Chair: Mark Mendez; Secretary: Uri Pasternak
- Board will seek continued inclusiveness, affordable housing and dissemination of information. Retreat to be held prior to September meeting; approximately 20 applicants for current Board vacancies, hope to fill by retreat

11. *New Business:* None

12. *Adjourn:* 9:15pm +/-