

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – October 12, 2015- **DRAFT v03**

### Attendance

■	Bernice North-Chair	X	Matthew Losak- Nbrhd	X	Jessica Simon
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	X	Prajakta Kasbekar	■	Mary Ann Zimmerman
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	X	Daniel Morales - SSUD	■	Suzy Zuzy
■	Jay Wilson –Parliamentary VC	■	DeAndre Morrow -CED		
■	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	■	Sigurd Neubauer		
■	Stacey Brown - CED	■	Uri Pasternak		
X	Phillip Dittner	■	Sara Sheppard - TREE		

Present: ■ Absent: X

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* September 14, 2015 meeting minutes approved.
3. *Public Safety Report:* Sgt. Mola, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police, reported on police activity in Silver Spring:
  - Carjacking on 10/10- 2006 Mercedes taken by two men with handguns
  - BP Gas station in 9400 block Georgia of Georgia Ave robbed at gunpoint - \$200 taken
  - Theft from autos on the decline. Police are giving more attention to car garages.
4. *Public Safety Report:* Alan Butsch, EMS Battalion Chief, MoCo Fire and Rescue:
  - No budget cuts for Silver Spring/Takoma Park service area
  - Construction of Progress Place happening next to Station #1
  - Stroke and cardiac victims are consistently delivered to local hospitals at EMS goal of 30-minutes. Doctors want to initiate stroke/cardiac care within 60 mins of call- so this response time allows for 30 mins at hospital to triage and start care.
5. *Dialogue on ‘Spaces for Education’:* Paul Mortenson, Senior Urban Designer of M-NCPPC, Bruce Crispell, Director of Long Range Planning at MCPS and Nicola Whiteman, Sr VP at Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) . Mr. Mortenson gave a presentation on cross agency work group findings for non-traditional school sites:
  - Examples of Urban Sites as small as .5 acres. MCPS now recommends that elementary schools be built on 7 acre sites and high schools on 35 acre sites. Not realistic in built up areas with high land values.
  - Examples of ‘shared spaces’ where construction allows for school to be partitioned off for multiple users in non-school hours. Community users, Boys & Girls Club, etc.
  - Examples of Adaptive Re-use with schools taking over former commercial space, office park or campus.
  - From MCPS perspective, these re-use scenarios are cost-prohibitive as a lease. Outright purchase can makes sense for long term. Residential and School co-location models are much harder to do.
  - MCPS: Loss of playing fields is to be expected with small sites. Must use area parks, fields.
  - To address overcrowding, MCPS looks at adjacent schools ‘with room’ before considering land purchase or construction.

- AOBA pleased to be part of this conversation. To understand scope of vacancy problem, Ms. Whiteman referred to the Office Market Assessment by Partners for Economic Solutions- see <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/>
6. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* Matt Verghese (Hucker) reported on council issues.
- County planning to extend food truck hours.
  - Council passed pesticide ban for cosmetic use 6-3- nuances to address the needs of specific users to follow.
  - County looking to re-open early voting centers closed by state.
7. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* Debbie Spielberg (Elrich) reported on council issues
- Common Sense tenant legislation and ongoing discussion with Hampshire Towers in Takoma Park raise the question of 'What is Affordable Housing?'
  - Councilmember Elrich watching Greater Lyttonsville Sector Plan (GLP) and questions need for so much density. His homepage offers audio file of conversation with Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Councilmember makes case that County has already planned for expected population growth. Sector plan in Westbard section of Bethesda calls for significantly increased residential and yet there is no transit.
8. *Committee Reports:*
- CED - Met with Moco Small Business Navigator, Judy Stephenson and Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce's Jane Redicker- particularly well attended by residents. Next meeting to be held on VanGo-10/26.
  - Neighborhoods-Summary of Lyttonsville Community meeting to understand and form response to GLP.
  - TREE – Sustainability Meeting with representatives of MoCo's Dept. of Environmental Protection, and The City of Takoma Park.
9. *Board Chair's Report:* Bernice North
- Prajakta Kasbekar to resign after November.
  - Three new Board candidates to be considered by County Council by 11/10.
  - SSCAB has been invited to join Thanksgiving Day parade on 11/21.
  - Upcoming topics to include Mass Transit(Nov), 'Pot Luck and Policy' social event instead of standard meeting (Dec), and Alternative Funding Discussion (Jan)
10. *Director's Report:* Reemberto Rodriguez reminds members to share emails blasts to promote awareness and community participation in events. Especially important with loss of The Gazette earlier this year. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring)
11. *New Business:* Topics for Upcoming Meetings
- Sigurd Neubauer expressed desire to discuss gerrymandering at future meeting and suggested public finance reform as a 'safe place' to start a conversation to allow for new voices and viewpoints. Siggy also proposed a review of mass transportation topics from an Independent Transit Authority to Purple Line and High Speed trains.
  - Mary Ann Zimmerman noted a 'rough start' for Silver Spring Transit Center. It was agreed this was typical for a public facility in the first weeks of operation, but that this topic would offer a good opportunity for a community update in early 2016.
12. *Adjourn:* 9:15