

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – January 12, 2015

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:10pm
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* December 15, 2014 meeting minutes accepted
3. *Presentations on the County's Budget and Accessible Databases:*
  - PowerPoint presentation from Bruce Meier @ OMB, overview of Government Structure and Budget Process; FY16 projected for approximately \$238Million shortfall; Budget Forums (Inc. Jan 14 in Silver Spring) are critical opportunity for our voices to be heard; Executive's budget transmitted on March 15, Council approves by June 1; questions regarding the shortfall's cause(s) and expected impacts of State-level cuts.
  - Presentations continued with review of Open Budget/Online Accessible Data; Scott Coble (OMB) and Victoria Lewis (site's project manager) provided an overview of the tools.
  - Goals are an interactive site, accessible, translatable and searchable; County accepts requests for data sets that can be made available for public use; MCPS data can't currently (legally) be published on County site, working with them to try and integrate; discussion regarding management of data integrity – County seeks quality over quantity, relies on departments to validate their data; site is updated automatically, so the data remains relevant.
  - The County's Open Budget platform can be found at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html>; online tools include Budget Montgomery for an interactive review of the County's budget, and Spending Montgomery (<http://spending.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/#/>) for access to County spending data. These excellent transparency tools provide citizens with the knowledge of how our County budgets and spends funds.
4. *SSCAB Funding Priorities, Board Dialogue:* due to time constraints, the Board Chair's Report will include a summary of priorities identified through previous dialogue, meetings and other communications.
5. *Councilmember(s) Updates:*
  - Debbie Spielberg, Councilmember Elrich: New Council seated in December; CM Elrich chairs the Public Safety Committee; discussed upcoming Bills/Public Hearings; Board member asked for CM priorities, response included (in no particular order) safety, BRT, tenant issues, minimum wage, County budget, and pesticide bill.
  - Dave Asche, Councilmember Hucker: upcoming items include police body cameras, White Oak Transportation Management District, and Bills regarding Uber/Taxi services.
  - Crystal Ruiz, Councilmember Riemer: Issues include Uber/Taxi Bills, HHS/Child Care Issues, Placemaking and Snow Removal.
6. *Committee Reports:* (Note Jan. 26 meetings were postponed due to weather, now February 23)
  - Tree Committee: Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Impact Areas and Other Livability Ideas; meeting with stakeholders for transportation and placemaking improvements in Silver Spring.
  - Neighborhood, CED: Joint meeting, 'Know Your Rights'; panel discussion relating to earned sick and safe leave ("paid sick days").
7. *Board Chair's Report:* Discussed budget priorities (draft letter reflecting prior feedback to be circulated in coming weeks). Brief discussions regarding impacts of State-level cuts; renter protections; and Urban District Advisory Committee's request for SSCAB support on funding needs.
8. *Director's Report:* Thanked presenters and County staff members; Budget Forum on Wednesday, January 14 is key opportunity; E-Blasts to stay updated.
9. *New Business:* None
10. *Adjourn:* 9:03pm