

**SSUDAC Meeting Summary**  
**September 18, 2014**

**Members Present:** Brian Abramson, Mussie Betre, Dan Figueroa, Don Hague, Mel Tull, Suzy Zusy

**Members Absent:** Carmen Camacho, United Therapeutics

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

- Mr. Dan Figueroa, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Police Briefing & Crime Report**

Lt. Alan Felsen, Montgomery County 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct

- Lt. Felsen reported that burglary in the area has seen an increase.
- Homeless residents were reported to be breaking in to the closed off Baptist church on Fenton St. and Wayne Ave.
- Thefts from automobiles, including “jump-in” thefts at vehicles parked at gas stations continue to be an issue.
- Lt. Felsen reported that there had been two indecent exposure calls recently, with one resulting arrest.
- Mr. Dan Figueroa asked about recent gang activity. Lt. Felsen responded that there had been a recent gang shooting outside the Fillmore around 2 a.m.

**Silver Spring Regional Director’s Report**

Reemberto Rodriguez, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez and two Urban District Advisory Committee members interviewed candidates for the two vacant Resident member slots.
- The Silver Spring Urban District’s Program Manager II vacancy has been advertised and rating for applicants will occur soon.
- Homelessness in the downtown area has been an ongoing issue with recent spikes in activity. Multiple area agencies, including InterFaith Works, have been collaborating to address the issue.
- There has been an overall increase in the amount of crime reporting being done for the downtown area.

**Silver Spring Urban District Budget Overview**

## Reemberto Rodriguez, Silver Spring Regional Center

- The Silver Spring Urban District expects a 3-6% budgetary increase in FY15, due to last year's temporary to merit employee transition for approximately half of the Urban District's staff.
- The FY15 budget will also need to address current vacancies in the Urban District's Public Service Aide ranks, as well as increased staff support for the south Silver Spring area.
- Mr. Rodriguez recommended that the Advisory Committee draft a preliminary budgetary letter to the County Executive.
- Committee members asked a variety of questions about various aspects of the budget and how the amounts will change over the coming year.
- The committee had a discussion about budget priorities and decided to select their top issues to address in the letter to the County Executive.

## Metro Plaza

William Kominers, Lerch, Early & Brewer, Sean Stadler, WDG Architecture

- Mr. William Kominers and Mr. Sean Stadler provided an overview of the plans for the Metro Plaza development at the corner of East-West Highway and Colesville Rd.
- The development is an optional method development, and will be a combination of retail and residential units with a size of approximately 1.5 acres. The development will contain part of a WMATA Metro Red Line substation and is located near a planned portion of the Purple Line.
- The residential portion of the development will be in 2 towers, with approximately 550 units.
- Potential amenities for the site include a roof deck with green space and a pool.
- All parking within the site will be for either residential units or the commercial areas, with no space used for public parking.
- The retail section of the development will have a dedicated loading area and a new service road built near the Falkland Chase development.
- The development application has been filed with Park & Planning, and relevant plan numbers will be provided to the committee by Mr. Kominers. The committee voted unanimously to write a letter of support for the project to the County Executive.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.