

SSCAB Meeting Summary – April 13, 2015

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* March 9, 2015 meeting minutes accepted
3. *Presentations by Lieutenant O'Neil, 3rd District Police:*
 - Theft from automobiles on the rise. Do not leave items in view, even coins for feeding meters
 - Several armed robberies. Victims were often slightly impaired
 - Previous evening two young 'free-range' kids (ages 10 and 6) reported in Downtown. By law, Police must report to Child Protective Services. "Babysitting Law" requires that children be at least 13 to supervise those under 8 years of age.
4. *Councilmember Nancy Floreen Dialogue:*
 - Background as civic president, former SSCAB member, as well as planning board and now county council. Chair of the Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED).
 - Advises that residents be very specific in their requests when commenting in budget hearings
 - Uber and Lyft and other transportation network company (TNCs) are not regulated like taxis. These new services are not serving disabled residents, so council looking for them to contribute to Metro Access services.
 - Sequestration has hurt county's economy. Program 'MOVE' offers rent subsidies for businesses moving in to MoCo.
 - Commutes will be long and housing will be expensive because we live next door to the "Center of the Free World"
 - Jobs coming to White Oak are not defined. There is no general development agreement in place. Planners do not create or bring jobs. They can only create an environment of opportunity.
5. *Greg Ossont: Deputy Director: Department of General Services (DGS) project updates*

New Progress Place- Being built at developer's cost in exchange for land adjacent to old Progress Place

- 21 Living quarters- Individual units similar in size to hotel room
- Includes Shepherd's Table (Food service) and Clothing Closet
- 3 floors includes half floor of unfinished space with tenant/use TBD
- Permits are in and scheduled to begin construction this fall

Former 3rd District Police Station: 2014 re-use analysis granted use to Department Housing and Community Affairs' proposal for an artists' housing project. Development bids received and winner was "Artspace"- National firm specializing in art communities. Local projects can be seen in Mt Rainier and near Catholic University. Note- needs to be rezoned from current 'Medium Density Residential' to higher density.

Former Silver Spring Library: Re-use proposals are being considered now with interviews happening in mid-April. A recommendation is expected from review committee by the end of the month. Note- SSCAB has suggested an intergenerational center in the past.