

## **Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee Meeting** **February 17, 2011**

*See Attached sign in sheet for participation*

**Call to Order and Introduction:** Jennifer Nettles, Chair called meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. members and attendees introduced themselves.

**Motion:** The Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee approved the January 2011 minutes.

### **Chairs Report**

Jennifer Nettles reported that:

- The Committee will discuss in general the lack of SHA communications later in the meeting
- MC 311 – members tried it out and reported it works
- Julie, Carmen and I met with the County Executive and the budget is very bleak. The County Executive determined a 10% cut for non-public safety and 5% cut for public safety across the board. The Urban District budget has not been cut nor added to. The County Executive releases the budget, March 15 and immediately following the release this Committee should convene to give comments and suggestions early.
- Kathy Stevens, Chair, SSCAB and I are working closely on the cross pollination effort as a Board and Committee to keep each other informed of what the other is doing to send a consistence clear message to the County Executive on what Silver Spring wants. This month SSCAB is looking at environmental issues within Silver Spring, the Library bridge, Parking and Taste of Fenton Village Event on May 15.

### **Montgomery County Parking Lot District Update**

Steve Nash and Rick Siebert distributed handouts and gave a brief update of garage 21 and garage 5/55 highlights are as follows:

- Garage 21 programmed in the County's CIP, approved by Council for a number of years and the garage needs significant demolish and construction.
- Two study efforts done, the Silver Spring Parking Demand Analysis by Desman and Associates and this information was fed into and supported the Parking Policy Study being done with Park and Planning and upon completion we will brief County Council and make the information public. The studies did determine Silver Spring has a surplus of parking.
- Park and Planning is considering the Policy Study as they rewrite the zoning code which will reduce parking requirements. The questions is why spend millions of dollars renovating garage 21 when the study reflects the 578 spaces are not needed for the parking supply due to these findings we decided not to proceed with the renovation. We went back to the consultant and asked for a study that focuses on garage 21 area and the response was the same we have a surplus of parking.
- Spring-Colesville Garage (Garage 21) is partially opened with 45-3 hour parking spaces and 4 Handicap spaces will be open to serve the needs of short-term parkers. Long-term parking will be available at the Spring-Cameron Garage (Garage 2) and Town Square Garage (Garage 61). Follow the Parking Detour Signs for additional parking. [Click here for map of alternative parking.](#)
- Bonifant-Dixon Garage (Garage 5) Partial Closure on or about February 7, 2011 Garage 5 in Silver Spring will be partially closed for approximately 12 months. The garage has experienced deterioration and requires deck restoration. The Dixon Avenue Entrance will be closed during construction. 954 parking spaces will remain open and can be accessed using the Bonifant Street Entrance. Please follow detour signs to the Bonifant Street Entrance. For more information on this and other parking facilities in the county, visit [Parking Management's website](#) or call 311, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Action Item:**

Committee requested that Steve Nash and Rick Siebert contact the owner of 8407 Kitchen Bar and discuss parking concerns and that the Silver Spring Parking Demand Analysis and Parking Policy Study be e-mailed to them.

### **Urban District**

Yvette Freeman reported the report is in the packet, highlights are:

Continuous contact with Mr. Paylor, SHA who has been very responsive but this is not his area. I have made head way as of this morning through e-mails and went to checkout the site and they remain the same as they have for months. I have a strategy in place and ask that the Committee entrust me to do some things before going to a higher level with the numerous issues of concerns. For UD report refer to page 5 in the packet.

### **Three Prong Approach**

1. Yvette continue working on strategy already in place
2. Carmen and Yvette to coordinate letter to Delegation along with pictures
3. Plan joint meeting with SSCAB, TMD and SSUDAC and invite SHA to discuss our concerns and frustrations.

The Weekender Program is working well and they have a high work standard.

Jennifer Nettles suggested that the Committee host an appreciation luncheon on March 30 for the Red Shirts and that Art Wallenstein, County Executive Leggett and Council President Valerie Ervin be invited.

### **Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board, (SSCAB) Update:**

Jennifer Nettles reported that as part of the cross pollination of the Board and Committees I wanted to let the Committee know the four major issues they are looking at this month and they are environmental issues within Silver Spring, library bridge, parking and Taste of Fenton Village Event on May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Downtown Silver Spring 2010 Report**

Jennifer Nettles distributed a packet of downtown Silver Spring's 200 events for 2010. Events are Merchant funded and they have agreed to expand the number of events this year a little.

### **Civic Building Update**

Gwen Haney reported that the report was on page 7 of the packet.

- Scheduling community use timeframes have changed please refer to page 7 in the packet.

**Action Item** - Committee decided and requested that Community Public Use Facility (CUPF) be invited to their meeting every six months for a Civic Building update

### **Director Report**

Reemberto Rodriguez reported that the full report was on page 9 of the packet.

He distributed the magazine "American Next City" the group is from Philadelphia and they will participate in the Sustainable Montgomery Conference that University of Maryland and Park and Planning are doing in the Civic Building in late May.

Don't forget to sign up for the County Executive Pledge 25 Campaign. The hours volunteering on this Committee do count.

**5:45 pm - Meeting adjourned**



URBAN DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DATE/TIME: FEBRUARY 17, 2011, 3:30 P.M.

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