

Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
May 17, 2012

Call to Order and Introductions:

A monthly meeting of the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee was held on May 17, 2012. The meeting convened at 3:45 p.m., Chairperson Julie Statland presiding.

Members Present:

Ernest Bland, Jessica Evans, Don Hague, Yuri Van Mierlo, Julie Statland, Melvin Tull, Kay Weston

Members Not in Attendance:

Carmen Camacho, Tiffany Graham-Golden, Jon Lourie

Chair Report:
Julie Statland:

Julie Statland and Ernest Bland will set up a time with Yvette Freeman and Reemberto Rodriguez to have a meeting to gain a better understanding of the Urban District budget.

Motion:

Motion was made by Jessica Evans and seconded by Ernest Bland to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting. Motion carried by majority of members present.

Motion:

Motion was made by Melvin Tull and seconded by Ernest Bland to move forward with the artwork on the project for the recycling receptacles. Motion carried by majority of members present.

Reports:

Lt. Robert Carter, Deputy Commander, MCPD 3rd District
Police Report:

- Lt. Carter reported that crime is down in the Silver Spring area.
- The bike team has hired two more officers.
- The construction of the police station in White Oak may start in the fall of 2012.

Purple Line Route Update for Silver Spring CBD
Michael Madden, Maryland Transit Authority:

- Mr. Madden reported that the Purple Line will be a 16 mile light rail system. It will have connections between major activity centers in: Bethesda, College Park, Silver Spring and New Carrollton. (Tracks will be elevated for trains coming into the Transit Center.) Trains will run approximately every 6 minutes.
- Mr. Madden reported that if the funds are allocated, the project should start in 2015 with an estimated completion date of 2020. MTA received permission in October to enter preliminary engineering.
- As of this date the state will fund 50% of the project and the Federal Government will fund 50%.
- The state will fund the operating cost which may be around \$30 million a year.
- MTA will not build any parking facilities for the Purple Line.
- There is some concern about the flow of vehicular traffic on Bonifant Street, which will be impacted by the Purple Line. Instead of traffic moving east towards Georgia Ave., the Silver Spring residents suggest that traffic move west towards Georgia Ave.
- Mr. Madden suggested that they have a meeting with the community and the businesses on Bonifant Street about this matter.

Presentation by Silver Spring Green
Charles Atwell & Doug Weisberger:

- Silver Spring Green presented information for the Advisory Committee to consider artwork for the recycling receptacles. It was also suggested that the Project Youth Art League be contacted regarding the design of the artwork for the receptacles. Mr. Atwell informed the committee that there are certain standards that Montgomery County issues specific to the type of receptacles that can be used. Silver Spring Green expects 9 or 10 recycling receptacles which the Silver Spring Urban District will purchase. Artwork will be included in the cost. The Silver Spring Urban District will not exceed the \$9,999.00 they have to spend on the recycling receptacles.

Yvette Freeman, Chief of Operations, SSUD
Urban District Report:

- Ms. Freeman reported that the Urban District has hired 10 new employees, nine part time Red Shirts and one permanent supervisor.
- The Fenton Street Paving Project is expected to start on Monday, June 4, 2012 and is scheduled to be completed within approximately two to four weeks. This project will be performed at night beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- The Urban District will assist in making the area businesses aware of this project.
- Ms. Freeman continues to have ongoing discussions with SHA regarding the ADA ramps and learned that SHA may be receptive to some modification of

the ramps, in addition to re-installation of pedestrian signal lights which had been removed recently. Ms. Freeman is planning to set up a meeting with SHA and the community to discuss the ADA ramp issues.

- Ms. Freeman is also working with County agencies regarding the sidewalk repairs throughout the CBD. The Urban District will also be completing some of the repairs.

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, SSRC
Regional Center Report:

- Conference calls and meetings are ongoing in reference to security and safety in the downtown Silver Spring area.
- It was suggested that due to the level of activity and growth of the downtown Silver Spring area, Peterson & Company should be involved in the Silver Spring Advisory Committee meetings.

Mr. Ernest Bland made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Ms. Julie Statland.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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