

## ***Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee (SSLAC) Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2019***

Meeting at Silver Spring Library, 3rd Floor Conference Room, called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Paulette Dickerson. Those present introduced themselves.

### ***SSLAC Members Present:***

*Present:* Paulette Dickerson (Chair), Scott Shoreman (secretary), Ella Hu, Rebecca Calcagno, Regina Germain, Melvyn Greberman

*Absent:* Judy Boggess, Rodney Elin, Mary Ann Nyamweya, Saa Fillie, Jill Brantley, Jessica Deibert, Dana Anderson

### ***Others Present:***

Kate Sweeney, Silver Spring Library

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Library report is online.
- County revenue is down 0.7 percent, so there may be a mid-year budget correction.
- The Silver Spring Library building is still too new for a refresh, but it is something for the SSLAC to consider soon regarding what needs to be worked on in the building.
- At next month's meeting, the SSLAC should discuss things that could enrich the patron experience at the Silver Spring Library.

## **SILVER SPRING LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT**

*Presented by Kate Sweeney for Uzo Onyemaechi, Silver Spring Library Manager*

- The library system is continuing to refine the collection, including moving books between branches.

- New Staff: Avis Matthews, library associate, 30 hours a week; Gabrielle Wallace, library aide. In recent months there have been three new associates. There is a staff member leaving on December 18 and another who was recently transferred to another branch.
- Foot traffic was 25,918 in November 2019.
- There will hopefully be new programming planned by mid-January 2020.
- Montgomery Comic Convention (MoComCon) will be on January 18, 2020 at the Silver Spring Library. The inclement weather date in February 1, 2020.
- In response to a question about tax preparation programs, Ms. Sweeney said that the library hosts a program run by AARP. Ms. Hu suggested that the library participate in a volunteer tax preparation program that is through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The library would only need to provide the space.
- Mr. Shoreman asked about the differences between various staff positions at the library. Ms. Sweeney explained that a librarian must have a master's degree in library science and works at the information desk. Associates have training but no master's degree and work at the circulation and information desks. Aides shelve books and manage holds, and pages shelve books and work part-time.

## **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

*Presented in writing by Laura Briskin-Limehouse, MCPL  
Library Board (see attached)*

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SILVER SPRING (FOLSS) -**

No report

### **PURPLE LINE**

- Work on Bonifant Street is supposed to begin in mid-January.
- Handicapped accessibility to the library during construction was discussed. The access ramps are close to where the construction will be.
- It is not clear whether it will be possible to walk around the building in the tunnel area during construction.
- Mr. Shoreman suggested that the construction fences around the library have large signs stating that the library is open during construction.
- Ms. Hu suggested that there be art by children related to visions for the library on the fences.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Dickerson reported that the next joint meeting has not been scheduled.
- Ms. Dickerson noted that the County Executive's operating budget proposal will be revealed around March 15 or 16, 2020. The capital improvement budget will be proposed by the County Executive in January 2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes submitted by Scott Shoreman, Secretary

Next meeting: January 13, 2020