

SSCAB Meeting Summary – September 8, 2014

1. *Welcome:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. *Board Members and Participants Introductions:* Board and community introductions, including multiple new Board members attending their first meeting.
3. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* June 9, 2014 meeting minutes accepted
4. *Dialogue with Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett:*
 - Presented award of recognition to former SSCAB Chair Evan Glass
 - Financials are key issue; transportation (Purple Line, BRT; Transit Center “should be through for most part this winter”) & schools (enrollment growth; achievement gap) are critical
 - Provided updates on the new library (moving well), Progress Place, and use of former library and police station sites (artist space under consideration at former police site)
 - Wide-ranging discussion regarding White Oak Master Plan (East County needs to grow), Jobs in Montgomery County (impacts of recent Master Plans), Four Corners/BRT Impacts and Blair Auditorium (looking at options, will eventually be renovated).
5. *Presentation on White Oak Development (Gwen Wright, Director MNCPPC):*
 - Plan approved by Council on July 29, 2014
 - Reviewed some of the area’s planning history
 - Getting jobs to the area is now key. Creative planning needed to jump-start a stagnant area
 - Hoping for resurgence, similar to Downtown Silver Spring
 - Goal at build out is 25-30% non-auto driver mode share
 - Discussion regarding financing and efforts to bring jobs to the area
6. *Councilmember(s) Report(s):*
 - Councilmember Elrich’s office: summer recess since July is now ending; vacancies on Board of Appeals and Planning Board
 - Councilmember Riemer’s office: focusing on provision of high speed fiber lines in new Master Plan locations (i.e. White Oak and with Purple Line alignment); effort to obtain more community input on bills going to Council
7. *Chair’s Report & Committee Announcements:*
 - Chair: annual report contained within packet
 - TREE: September 22 meeting to include Councilmember Riemer and will focus on placemaking, including open space near transit center
 - CED: shifting TTWFV to a separate committee, joint meeting with neighborhoods committee on September 29 to feature presentation on Metro Plaza redevelopment
 - Neighborhoods: September 29 meeting with CED
8. *Director’s Report:* Continue to stay informed through director’s report handout and E-Blasts; Black Box Theatre now occupied by coalition; multiple events and opportunities for engagement, highlighted some, stay up to date through E-Blasts. TTWFV to be on May 3, 2015
9. *New Business:* Promotion of additional area events and opportunities; Board discussed potential for tour of Montgomery Housing Partnership property.
10. *Adjourn:* 9:00pm