

SSCAB Meeting Summary - January, 13 2014

1. *Welcome & Introductions:* Chair Evan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Introduction of SSCAB members and community attendees, including some applicants for District 5 Council seat.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* December 9, 2013 meeting minutes accepted.
3. *United Therapeutics Development Presentation:*
 - Site's project plan/preliminary plan was approved in September 2013
 - Moving forward with Site Plan; eager to proceed quickly
 - Promoted project as gateway to Silver Spring; net-zero building, office/commercial uses
 - Plan includes solar panels, new public plaza, three retail spaces to wrap the site
 - Plaza area to feature paving system that produces energy when walked on, solar powered cell phone charging stations; employee garden on roof
 - Timing: target site plan application end January/beginning February; hoping for approval before August recess. Construction start in Spring 2015, 24 month construction.
 - Requesting Citizen's Advisory Board support at Planning Board.
4. *Operating Budget Presentation & Dialogue (Bruce Meier, Montgomery County OMB Analyst):*
 - Presented slideshow on budget process; operating and capital budgets; assumptions, typical timing and projections; significant expenditures and the importance of reserves (bond rating, supplemental appropriations)
 - County Council approves FY15 budget by June 1, 2014
 - Discussion regarding the utility of the County Executive Budget Forums, need to stress priorities, and general questions regarding budgeted amounts
5. *Related Advisory Group Reports:*
 - *Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee:* SSCAB liaison Suzy Zusy summarized committee's purpose and recently addressed topics. Group focuses on CBD.
 - *Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee:* SSCAB appointee Jim Bunch discussed committee's current focus on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips into/out of Silver Spring. Looks at mode splits, traffic mitigation plans.
 - *Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment Advisory Committee:* Chair Mike Diegel discussed committee's role in area. Among other goals, focus on implementing aspects of recommendations from nighttime economy task force and incorporating Fillmore into the community.
6. *SSCAB Committee Reports:*
 - *TREE:* December meeting focused on planning goals for 2014; January meeting to examine traffic light signalization.
 - *CED:* January meeting on TTWV; adding second stage this year and partnership with Yelp. Applying for County Council grant, received \$1000 from United Therapeutics too.
 - *Neighborhoods:* forum with leaders of Silver Spring civic associations to be in February, date to be determined.
7. *Councilmember(s) Updates (including additional District 5 Council applicants):*

Council sessions on zoning ordinance rewrite to begin Jan. 14; Feb. 4 public hearing on White Oak Master Plan; ten mile creek development discussions.
8. *Chair's Report:* February meeting will include presentation(s) on nearby areas that affect us: potentially White Oak, Walter Reed and Wheaton.
9. *Director's Report:* Quick review of items provided in meeting packet. Purple line will move quickly.
10. *New Business:* Board member promoted next Silver Spring 'Good Green Fun' event. Motion to issue letter of support for United Therapeutics, emphasizing visibility of retail space and importance of managing construction impact on Colesville Road, passed unanimously.
11. *Adjourn:* 9pm