

SSCAB Meeting Summary – February 10, 2014

1. *Welcome & Introductions:* Chair Evan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. New Board member Jay Wilson introduced.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* January 13, 2014 meeting minutes accepted.
3. *Dialogue with Councilmember Hans Riemer:*
 - Provided updates on Council issues: school construction funding, ten mile creek, road code bill, follow-ups to Nighttime Economy Task Force (some @ State level), etc.
 - Discussed potential use of land adjacent to transit center as park space
 - Addressed questions regarding complete streets, Ellsworth Drive/Pedestrian use, State funding of schools and transit funding.
4. *Presentations/Updates re: Major Developments in the Vicinity of the Regional Area:*
 - Walter Reed: slideshow on proposed development and potential uses; impressive focus on provision of senior and affordable housing, especially critical to DC's Ward 4 population. Anticipate approximately 10-yr build out, starting in next year and beyond. Provision of street cards is ongoing issue to be resolved. See <http://www.walterreedtomorrow.com/>
 - White Oak & Wheaton (Greg Ossont, Deputy Director, Montgomery County DGS):
 - i. Wheaton effort has been ongoing for years, close to getting off the ground now
 - ii. Wheaton goal: mixed use project, housing MNCPPC/Parks/Park Police/DEP/DPS; also containing a residential tower. Likely 12 Stories, office and residential towers.
 - iii. White Oak: issue with balancing transportation, utilized hybrid standards to achieve balance; work-sessions to be in March.
 - iv. Provided update on use of Silver Spring Blackbox site. Issuing solicitation for new operator shortly; expects to hit ground running with new management after Roundhouse lease expiration in June.
 - v. Additional dialogue regarding County BRT prioritization, White Oak staging, and Wheaton's impact on existing businesses. No transit center update available.
5. *Letter of Advice re: FY15 Operating Budget:*
 - Follow-up to County Executive's January 29, 2014 Budget Forum @ Civic Building; Board to provide letter re: our priorities.
 - Priorities are: police presence in DTSS, library funding, transit \$, civic building access
 - Additional discussion regarding capital budget items, including the Old Blair Auditorium, Metropolitan Branch Trail & Restoration of Jessup Blair House – to be referenced in capital budget letter.
 - Motion offered to issue two letters for the budgets, passed.
6. *SSCAB Committee Reports:*
 - *TREE:* No meeting in January. February meeting to include discussion on traffic signalization.
 - *CED:* Focus remains TTWFV. February 22 - best of Fenton Village event at Kefa Café, County Executive expected to attend.
 - *Neighborhoods:* Ongoing outreach to leaders of Silver Spring Civic Associations. Will include focus on benefits and challenges associated with the Purple Line.
7. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* None Present.
8. *Chair's Report:* Budget letters already discussed, these are the current key items.
9. *Director's Report:* Promoted committee meetings (4th Monday of each month); Fenton Street Market to return in April; the DTSS space is very busy, in high demand.
10. *New Business:* Status of 16th Street Circle? Moving slowly. Holdup seems to be at State level. Identified need to promote improved Vango service in operating budget letter.
11. *Adjourn:* 8:55pm