

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – November 10, 2014

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* October 13, 2014 meeting minutes accepted
3. *Public Safety Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct, Sgt. Tupa):*
  - Provided statistical overview of crimes, prior 3 months
  - Numbers are generally low, encouraging; several recent arrests made
  - Advice given: know your surroundings; write down electronics' serial #s; activate 'find your phone' app, etc.
4. *Dialogue with Parker Hamilton, Director Montgomery County Libraries:*
  - Promoted library services and programs; libraries are destinations; 24x7 connectivity online
  - Silver Spring Library to be 5 floors; library on 3-5; 60K square feet (current: 30K). Main entrance on Wayne Avenue; hours 9am-9pm M-Th, 10am-6pm F-Sa, 1-5pm Su; may stay open late on Friday/Saturday, depending on usage. Staff hiring has begun.
  - Details on new library: 5<sup>th</sup> floor includes rich interactive area for pre-reading age children; 3d printer on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
  - Silver Spring Library opening date: not finalized; County estimates substantially complete in Spring, then 8-12 weeks from closing old library to opening new.
5. *Presentation by Jerry Pasternak, PEPCO VP Gov't Affairs/Public Policy, re: Exelon-PHI Merger:*
  - Merger announced in April, 2014; subject to approvals (Federal and Public Service Commissions in MD/DC/VA/NJ/DE), will close in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015; PEPCO brand remains.
  - Proposal calls for increased reliability targets with financial penalties if not met; additional funds to be set aside for customer investment (\$40M in MD, use determined by PSCs); company to maintain current philanthropy levels; extend union contracts three years; and no net loss of jobs due to merger for two years. Provides job creation and economic benefits, costs to be absorbed by shareholders.
  - Follow-up questions regarding MD PSC schedule (Montgomery County is a party to case, public testimony early 2015); rates (they always increase over time, but won't due to merger); and pros/cons of burying lines (expensive, can lead to increased repair time, street disruptions).
6. *Dialogue with Scott Gutschick, Montgomery County Fire/Rescue, Planning Section Manager, re: Strategic Plan:*
  - Current Plan covers 2005-2015, now creating for 2016-2020; Council approves plan
  - Provided handout of potential topics of interest; response, standards, etc.
  - Collecting input from users through December 1, 2014
7. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* (None in attendance)
8. *Committee Reports:* Reports were attached to minutes; CED will hold next meeting at Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority offices (Nov. 24); Neighborhoods provided 'Know Your Rights' summary
9. *Chair's Report:* Thanksgiving Parade to be November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board members to march again.
10. *Director's Report:* Continue to stay informed through E-Blasts; noted good Board attendance at recent community meetings, opportunities to extend this involvement through November.
11. *New Business:* Board member Matt Losak promoted county-wide renters meeting to be held Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.
12. *Adjourn:* 9:00pm