

SSCAB Meeting Summary – October 14, 2019- v03

Attendance

■	Matthew Losak–Chair	■	John Seelke		
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	X	Katherine McKay		
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Jay Elvove		
■	Lysette House Parliamentarian	■	Patricia Germann		
■	Michelle Desiderio Foster - TREE	X	Delia Aguilar		
X	Uri Pasternak	■	Don Slater		
■	Mulegeta Habteselassie- CED	■	Melanie Fonder Kaye		

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. 6:45 Chair **Matt Losak** called meeting to order.
2. *Acceptance of previous meeting summary:* September minutes were approved.
3. *Public Safety/Fire & Rescue:* No safety report. Chair **Matt Losak** called for moment of silence to recognize Montgomery County Police Officer Thomas J. Bomba who died of a gunshot wound on the upper level of the parking garage across from civic center.
4. *SSCAB Elections:* **Jay Elvove** announced an uncontested slate of candidates of **Matt Losak/Chair**, **Michelle Desiderio Foster/Vice Chair**, **Lysette House/Parliamentarian** and **Mark Mendez/Secretary**. All candidates approved. Matt Losak recognized the contributions of **Ed Levy** who has held office of Vice Chair for past six years.
5. Self-introductions of meeting attendees and special welcome to **Shawn Morris** who will be assisting the board’s activities at the civic center.
6. SSCAB Deliberations on the FY21 Operating Budget: CE **Marc Elrich** will hold public meetings throughout the county on his two-year budget plan in October and early November. Board members spoke on a variety of priorities:
 - Board supports additional support staff for MCPS to address mental health needs
 - Call for increased funding for libraries
 - Support of RideOn and expanded ‘Flex Zones’ to increase civic engagement
 - Support of arts events
 - Increased funding for renter education, and implementation of programs that have already been funded
 - Maintain current funding for Green Bank
 - It was agreed to formalize SSCAB letter to County Executive after the public hearing to be held in Silver Spring on 10/30

7. *Conversation with **Evan Glass**, Councilmember-at-large:* Began with a review of his work over the past 10 months, including legislation banning salary history as part of new hires, expanding the Kids Ride Free bus program, and a review of the Housing Impact Fairness Act to ensure that all new housing contributes to the Impact Fund. Councilmember Glass joined the board and meeting attendees in conversation on a wide range of topics.
8. *Neighborhood/Community Highlight: **Anna Danielson**, Executive Director of Gandhi Brigade Youth Media,* presented on the role and activities of this youth media organization created in 2008. They have a new space in the lower level of the library. Anna announced they were seeking applicants to sit on a new community board.
9. *Committee Meetings Report:*
 - **Neighborhoods** – Upcoming meeting will feature MCPS principals.
 - **TREE** – September meeting focused on Purple Line. October meeting will show how residents can get trees at no cost through county programs.
 - **CED** – No report
10. *Board Chair's Report. **Matt Losak*** announced the November full board meeting will bring together State Delegates for District 20 and 18 for a conversation on the census. **Michelle Desiderio Foster** is drafting a letter on transportation priorities making a case for the value of the long-delayed SHA/Georgia improvement project. Edits to her draft are due Friday, 10/18. Matt thanked the board members who reviewed the 50 applications and interviewed a select group to join the SSCAB. Four applicants have been presented to county officials with approval expected by January 2020. Matt reminded members of the board's participation in the Thanksgiving Parade on 11/23.
11. *Regional Director's report. **Reemberto Rodriguez*** called attention to the handout that listed the hot topics within the Silver Spring regional area. He requested that members alert their non-profit connections about the upcoming public budget forums. He also asked member to review and update their bios on the SSCAB webpage.
12. *Adjourn: 9 PM*

Upcoming meetings: The next full board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.