

SSCAB Meeting Summary – February 12, 2019- v03

Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *7:05 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair **Matt Losak** led self-introductions of attendees and recognized the passing of our fellow board member **Barbara Darko**.
2. *Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes:* December minutes were approved. January meeting was cancelled due to weather.
3. *Public Safety/Fire & Rescue:* No public safety report this month.
4. *Neighborhood Highlight:* No featured neighborhood this month.
5. *Conversation with Montgomery Parks Police Chief Darryl McSwain:* The Chief was joined by Capt. **Nicole Adams** of Patrol Operations and Executive Assistant Lt. **Jeff Coe**. Chief McSwain has 30 years' experience with MC Police Dept. Park Police are under the jurisdiction of the MNCPPC.
 - The Park system's 422 parks are important to residents' quality of life.
 - 116 members of the Park Police force and 14 Million Park visitors each year.
 - Low crime stats point to a safe system with thefts from vehicles as #1 crime.
 - Park Police are focusing current efforts on five-well used trails in dense urban areas (Capital Crescent, Longbranch Stream Valley, Matthew Henson, NW Branch, and Sligo Creek).
 - Considering tech investment in drones, a Park Police App, 'Blue Light' Call Boxes, multi-lingual materials and anonymous tip line.
 - Long running volunteer program offers formal training. Bob Colvin of East Silver Spring was recognized for his many years of service as a Park volunteer.
 - Prince Georges Park Police have a larger force and are organized in same fashion.
 - The county is fast outgrowing the department's capacity.
6. *Conversation with Earl Stoddard, Director of the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security:*
 - OEMHS is the county's smallest agency with 13 employees and 3 contractors.

- Mr Stoddard has a background in cellular biology and a Masters of Public Health. He reports directly to the county executive, but the position is approved by the Governor. The OEMHS director can request state resources in times of need.
- The Arliss Street or 'Flower Branch' gas explosion of 2016 was a major event for the county and led the agency to codify lessons for the future
- OEMHS has improved performance by removing silos, allowing fire, police and HHS to work together seamlessly during large events.
- The agency is looking at changes we can make now to lesson local impact of climate change in 10-15-25 years.
- "Stop the Bleed" is \$400K program running in schools to teach immediate first aid skills.

7. *Committee Meetings Report: a look back and ahead*

- **Neighborhoods** The January meeting held in Takoma Park featured two principals, tenants associations and Mayor Kate Stewart. Discussion looked at the cross section of school performance and housing stability for families. The next committee meeting will spotlight Arts and Entertainment organizations in the region.
- **TREE** The January meeting on State Highway Administration's Georgia Avenue Improvement plan was led by representatives of county planning department and SHA. The board discussed next steps for a proposed letter of recommendation on the topic. There was concern about the length of the current draft. **Matt Losak, Melanie Fonder Kaye, Patricia Germann and Michelle Foster** will review and edit to prepare for board consideration. Feb TREE meeting will focus on BRT progress and updates.
- **CEA** March meeting will feature the Small Business Administration

8. *Chair Report: Matt Losak* promoted the March meeting that will look at ways the county government can innovate systems to improve services. **Andrew Kleine**, Chief Administrative Officer of Montgomery County and author of 'City on the Line' will be the featured speaker.

9. *Regional Director's Report: Reemberto Rodriguez* recognized the great work of **Melanie Fonder Kaye** to revive the board's Facebook presence.

10. *Adjourn: 9 PM*

Upcoming meetings: February committee meetings will be held Monday, February 25. The next full board meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019.