

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
February 13, 2023
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Katherine Lucas McKay, Chair
 - b. Don Slater, Secretary
 - c. Jay Elvove
 - d. Jacob Feit
 - e. Patricia Germann
 - f. Brandi Hill
 - g. Greg Holmes
 - h. Lysette House
 - i. Kenneth Lemberg
 - j. Michael McCarn
 - k. Daniel Moijueh
 - l. Vanessa Pinto
 - m. John Seelke
 - n. Lene Tsegaye
 - o. Not present: Sofia Bushen
 - p. Not present: Michelle Foster
 - q. Not present: Melanie Fonder Kaye
 - r. Not present: Debra Wylie

2. RSC Staff
 - a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - c. Carson Henry, Silver Spring Urban District

3. Speakers
 - a. Commander David McBain, MCPD 3rd District
 - b. Dr. Jon Garrick, MCPS, Principal, Northwood High School
 - c. Ms. Erin Martin, MCPS, Principal, Takoma Park Middle School
 - d. Ms. Doreen Paster, Progress Place Community Group

4. Additional attendees:
 - a. CM Kate Stewart
 - b. Lt. Victor "Tony" Galladora, MCPD 3rd District
 - c. Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Mgr, MCPL
 - d. Kathleen Bender, office of CM Stewart
 - e. Pamela Luckett, office of Council President Glass
 - f. Mayra Bayonet, office of CM Alborno

- g. Salom Gebre-Egziabher
- h. Jill Luchner
- i. Lynn Rose
- j. LaVita LeGrys
- k. Iane Campos-Siddique
- l. Lisa Büttner
- m. Daniella Velasquez
- n. Celia Z.
- o. Brandy Blair
- p. Portia Scott

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Katherine opened meeting at 7:01 pm
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves
 - c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments

2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. No minutes were available from the January meeting and will be approved next month

3. Topic One – Kids and Education in our community
 - a. Katherine Lucas McKay moderated a 50 minute discussion of the state of our schools featuring two principals and comments and questions from a dozen parents. Dr. Garrick and Ms. Martin provided their perspectives on drugs in the schools, bathroom safety, student behavior upon returning to schools, and difficulties with teacher staffing. They also fielded question from parents on those and other topics. It was noted that John Seelke, who is leaving the SSCAB, played a key role in putting together the program.

4. Topic Two – Progress Place Community Group
 - a. Doreen Paster provided an overview of the work done by Progress Place and the support provided by the Community Group. She provided contact info and asked all of us to consider joining in her work. She also mentioned the importance of Crisis Intervention Teams and the work to reduce the amount of mental health work done by the police.

5. Public Safety Report (Commander McBain)
 - a. Commander McBain introduced Lt. Galladora, taking over for Lt. Reed.
 - b. Commented on the need for Crisis Intervention Teams mentioned earlier.
 - c. Commented on the incident at Paint Branch High School and noted that social media posts were incorrect and there was no gun involved.

- d. Five carjacking so far this year, none in the past week.
- e. Adding three person daylight foot patrols to improve community interaction.
- f. US29 corridor has seen targeted car thefts, Kia and Hyundai vehicles.
- g. Seven neighborhoods identified for evening patrols looking to stop vehicle theft and thefts from vehicles.
- h. Noted the press release from the afternoon on Proactive Patrols and arrests, talking about arresting an individual as well as recovering a stolen vehicle and a weapon.
- i. Noted that Clarksburg HS had created a trailer for teaching parents to recognize drug symptoms.
- j. Vanesa asked about drug activity near NHE elementary and was told that additional bike officers would be deployed there in the spring.
- k. Noted that CE/MCPD/CM Stewart introduced a Night Safety bill, much specific to Silver Spring.

6. Councilmembers' Reports

- a. CM Stewart talked about the Night Safety bill.
- b. Pam Luckett indicated that the Council President was looking forward to the introduction of the budget and had released an economic development package.
- c. Mayra Bayonet spoke about CM Albornoz and the 311 review.

7. Committee meeting updates:

- a. January committee meetings
 - i. Joint Committee meeting on office space and residential space in DTSS.
- b. February committee meetings
 - i. In lieu of committee meetings, we will hold a hybrid (in person & online) meeting for the purpose of onboarding new members and for future planning. This will be an open meeting.

8. Delegates' reports

- a. None tonight

9. Regional Area Director's report:

- a. Shout out to Carson Henry for the good work being done by the Urban District.
- b. Noted that February is Black History Month.

10. New Business

- a. Next SSCAB meeting to cover workforce support in Silver Spring
- b. Upcoming meetings:
 - i. April (Meeting 4th Monday): Purple Line & CAO Budget Round 2
 - ii. May: Legislative Review
 - iii. June: Police Report

- c. Don Slater asked about a letter in support of the new Pedestrian Master Plan. He incorrectly stated that the Council hearing on the plan was March 23. That is the date of the Planning Board hearing on the plan. He will proceed to draft a letter and the SSCAB can decide what to do with it at the March meeting.

11. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm