Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting March 13, 2023 Minutes

Attendees:

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

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. Captain David Reed, MCPD 3rd District
- b. Anthony Featherstone, Director, Workforce Montgomery
- c. Cathy Nestoriak, Jewish Council on Aging (JCA)
- d. Adrienne Van Lare, MCPL
- e. Adrian Clutter, Montgomery County Recreation Department

4. Additional attendees:

- a. Lt. Victor "Tony" Galladora, MCPD 3rd District
- b. Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Mgr, MCPL
- c. Pamela Luckett, office of Council President Glass
- d. James LaBlanc, Workforce Montgomery
- e. Gary Fahle
- f. Kate Myers

Agenda:

1. Introductions

- a. Katherine opened meeting at 7:03 pm
- b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves
- c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments

2. Approvals

- a. Minutes were approved from the January meeting, the February meeting, and the February Orientation meeting
- b. Advice / Comment letters were approved, commenting on the Late Night Safety Bill and supporting adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan

3. Topic One – Public Safety Report (Captain Reed)

- a. Noted graduation of police academy class, 6 new officers added in DTSS.
- b. Noted changes in hiring policies and increased applications.
- c. Continuing to get more officers into neighborhoods around DTSS
- d. Commented on several incidents within the district resulting in arrests
- e. Adding more daylight foot patrols to improve community interaction.
- f. Talked about arresting an individual as well as recovering a stolen vehicle and a weapon after receiving info from license plate reader.
- g. Some discussion of better interaction between MCPD and MCPS
- h. Noted that the Crisis Intervention Teams program is being expanded.
- Q/A: Katherine: Any identification from photo of individuals assaulting people at Loyalty Books, Cpt. Reed: No. Asked that MCPD be notified in advance of events with potential for problems such as at Loyalty Books
- j. Q/A: Jay: Can we do better in enforcing pedestrian safety during Right Turn On Red movements? Can we use automated enforcement? Can we raise fines? Cpt. Reed: Agreed on need, but automated enforcement is governed by state law.

4. Topic Two – Workforce Development and Support

development. Anthony Featherstone represented Workforce Montgomery, providing information about their work to identify in demand jobs and skills and the re-training of workers. He also described the local workforce development ecosystem. Cathy Nestoriak of the Jewish Council on Aging (JCA) spoke of the JCA's reeducation and internship programs for older workers. Adrienne Van Lare provided information on the workforce resources of MCPL. This is a priority area for MCPL. She also mentioned their many collaborations on this with other organizations including Senior Planet Montgomery, the Purple Line Corridor Coalition, the Literary Council of MoCo, the Latino Economic Development Center, and the Maryland Women's Business Center. MCPL has regular press

releases for the monthly resource programs including tech education for seniors and small business resources. Adrian Clutter of the County Recreation Department described their programs and employment opportunities across the county for adults and teenagers. They have programs in 22 rec dept facilities and 40 schools. She mentioned the new aquatic and gym facility in downtown Silver Spring, job fairs upcoming in Wheaton and White Oak, and that students can earn SSL hours in rec dept programs.

5. Councilmembers' Reports

a. Pam Luckett indicated that Council President Glass was looking forward to the introduction of the budget, had introduced a Vision Zero related bill that would eliminate Right Turn on Red in much of the county, is working on funding for eviction avoidance, and will join CM Kate Stewart to host the Silver Spring Safety Forum on March 26. She also mentioned openings on the Planning Board, including the Chair.

6. Committee meeting updates:

- a. March committee meetings
 - i. Joint Committee meeting on Late Night Safety Bill
- b. April committee meetings
 - i. Joint Committee meeting on Rent Control and Stabilization

7. Delegates' reports

a. None tonight

8. Regional Area Director's report:

a. Thanked all of our panelists.

9. New Business

- a. Next SSCAB meeting (4/10) to cover Purple Line & CAO Budget Round 2
- b. Opening for Mid-County RSC Director
- c. Upcoming meetings:
 - i. March 26, Silver Spring Safety Forum, 3:00pm Civic Bldg.
 - ii. April 17, CIP Budget Forum, 7:00pm Civic Bldg.
 - iii. May: Legislative Review
 - iv. June: Police Report

2. Adjourn:

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm