

SSCAB Meeting Summary – May 11, 2015

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Introductions of attendees, including non-profits.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* April 13, 2015 meeting minutes accepted (after item #4).
3. *Public Safety Report (Lt. McNeal, 3rd Police Precinct):*
 - Reminders to be aware of surroundings, light homes, lock car doors, etc.
 - Discussed youths near McDonald's/Transit Center; police noted that many of the same kids are committing crimes in the area.
 - Discussed police presence near new library, particularly re: pedestrian access. Not easy given manpower limitations, they are keeping an eye on site's transition from construction to use as library.
 - Use of heroin is rising in the area. Police are being trained in EMS to respond to an overdose.
4. *Dialogue with Non-Profits:* Open forum provided community and Board members the opportunity to meet representatives of non-profits serving the Silver Spring Regional Area; 1hour.
5. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* none present.
6. *Committee Reports/Upcoming Meetings:* Recent CED meeting on Liquor Control in the County; most supported recommendation seems to be maintaining the mass market orders (80% of revenue) and removing the County from special orders. May 19th meeting with State Comptroller Peter Franchot, Jamie Raskin, and Lily Qi from C.E. Leggett's office to be a discussion on business environment.
7. *Board Chair's Report:* Reported items Board anticipates focusing on over the coming months: housing in the County (and its changing demographics), Brookville Road development and the Purple Line; June 29 will focus on CIP budget in place of committee meetings.
8. *Director's Report:* Provided Board summer schedule (no July committee meetings or August meetings) and discussed Board elections to be held @ June meeting. TTWFV was a successful event; promoted use of VanGO – free shuttle service - and is hopeful for creation of a real-time app showing bus status. No decision yet on re-use of old library site; new library opening date June 20. Continue to see E-Blasts to stay updated.
9. *New Business:* Board member Praj Kasbekar is on the County's Transit Task Force. Looking at the viability of an ITA, report due September 30th. Wednesday meetings, open to public. Can provide updates at future Board meetings. Bernice North noted that Route 29 corridor advisory committee is meeting early June @ White Oak Community Center. A consulting firm is leading the conversation on the route.
10. *Adjourn:* 9:05pm