

SSCAB Meeting Summary – September 14, 2015 - APPROVED

Attendance

■	Bernice North-Chair	■	Matthew Losak- Nbrhd	X	Jessica Simon
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	X	Prajakta Kasbekar	■	Mary Ann Zimmerman
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Daniel Morales	■	Suzy Zuzy- SSUD
■	Jay Wilson –Parliamentary VC	■	DeAndre Morrow -CED		
X	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	X	Sigurd Neubauer		
■	Stacy Brown - CED	X	Uri Pasternak		
■	Phillip Dittner	■	Sara Sheppard - TREE		

Present: ■ Absent: X

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* August 10, 2015 meeting minutes accepted
3. *Public Safety Report:* Sgt. Kate Brewer, 3rd District Police reported on Silver Spring
 - 11 thefts from autos , 8 robberies with several arrests made, burglaries down significantly
 - More officers on the street. Recent academy grads were on bikes patrolling area
 - Shooting outside Lee bldg. after Jazzfest was caught on security camera. No injuries
 - For traffic stops, police have general rule to have more officer respond than vehicle occupants. This is a safety procedure since police switched to one officer per cruiser fourteen years ago.
4. *Transportation Management District Committee action.* Board voted to approve applicant Randall McLeod as SSCAB representative on the TMD, and supported Jim Bunch and Phil Olivetti’s continued representation on that Committee. Applicants must be a resident of Silver Spring and not on a board or commission.
5. *Transit Center:* Will Kenlaw of MDOT.
 - Paul S. Sarbanes Transit center to open on Sunday, 9/20 with first buses rolling out at 4 AM
 - 32 bus bays. 12 for Ride On
 - Heavy usage planned- with 50-75 buses coming in and out per hour depending on day.
 - Accessibility features include: display signs and push-to-talk information
 - The longtime ‘temporary’ bus shelters in nearby area will be closed and then removed
 - Ride On and WMATA are in discussion with intercity bus lines- Greyhound, etc – as potential occupants
6. *Ellsworth Place Update:* Walt Petrie gave an update on ‘Ellsworth Place’ formerly known as City Place.
 - EP is set to open in spring 2016. Dave & Busters will occupy the floor that had been movie theaters. The signed deals they could confirm with new tenants include: Michael’s, TJ Maxx, Forever21, Ross, and Not Your Average Joe’s
 - The mall interior will have an ‘industrial look, 5 new sets of escalators and additional openings to the street on Colesville Road.
 - The two Jumbotrons are to be installed next month at Fenton/Ellsworth. They will offer five minutes each hour for community programming and local announcements. Mr. Petrie will provide contact info for media vendor to the board.

6. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* Brian Anleu (Hucker) reported on council issues.
 - Restaurant week a big success
 - Legislative topics include use of pesticides and abandoned and neglected properties.
 - In response to board question on Hampshire Towers, Mr. Anleu reports that county has met with property owner, Orlo to space out rent increases.

7. *Review of Board Letter on Bill 19:15 Landlord - Tenant Relations:* Minor revisions suggested to draft circulated prior to meeting. Board members present voted unanimously to approve revised letter to council in support of Bill 19:15.

8. *Committee Reports:*
 - Neighborhoods Committee will join meeting on 9/30 in Lyttonsville to observe residents review proposed Greater Lyttonsville Sector plan and prepare a community response. Upcoming meetings will focus on education and MCPS within Silver Spring. October meeting will tentatively look at shifting demographics and the use of space. November's emphasis would be on parental involvement and student achievement.
 - CED Committee is moving next meeting to 10/5 Judy Stephenson, county's small business navigator, will address the state of small business in Silver Spring. Following meeting scheduled for 10/26 to be coordinated with VanGo. November topic will focus on youth employment.
 - TREE Committee is planning to discuss county sustainability policies with representatives from EPA and Silver Spring Green.

9. *Board Chair's Report:* Reminded board of Glenville Apartments Block Party hosted by Montgomery Housing Partnership on 9/26. Co-Chair Ed Levy will be point of contact for planning board's participation in Thanksgiving Parade on 11/21.

10. *Director's Report:* Noted the many and varied opportunities to learn and participate in Silver Spring issues, pointing to a half-dozen important discussions planned for a single Thursday.

11. *New Business:* Board discussed topics raised by 'sponsors' at executive meeting.
 - Constituent Services – How to define what is available and how is it accessed?(Levy)
 - Alternatives for school space- What is result of MCPS study to identify and convert empty commercial space for schools or administrative space? (Mendez)
 - Understand county enterprises that collect/generate funds such as parking lots, CUPF, environmental services, Dep. of Liquor Control. Understand how these funds can be considered prior to discussing county budget. (Zimmerman)

12. *Adjourn:* 8:55 pm meeting