

SSCAB Meeting Summary – May 9, 2016- DRAFT v02

Attendance

■	Bernice North-Chair	■	Matthew Losak- Nbrhd	R	Sara Sheppard - TREE
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	■	Abdurahman Mohammed	X	Jessica Simon
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Daniel Morales - SSUD	X	Monica Thammarath
■	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	■	DeAndre Morrow -CED	X	Mary Ann Zimmerman
■	Stacey Brown - CED	X	Sigurd Neubauer		
R	Phillip Dittner	■	Uri Pasternak		
■	Jay Elvove	■	Abe Saffer		

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *Welcome and Introductions:* Chair Bernice Mireku-North called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. *Welcome Comments and introductions.*
3. *Review of previous meeting summary:* Correction requested by Abe Saffer as he had attended the April 4 meeting. Minutes were approved with this correction to attendance section. *(Note- corrected version v03 sent to Vernon Cardwell on 5/9/16)*
4. *Public Safety Report- (Note that Police and Fire will alternate months attending and reporting to the board)* Brian Parker, superintendent of 3rd District Bike Team for the CBD, reported on police activity through May 3.
 - 7 thefts from vehicles on open streets as opposed to parking garages. This represents a significant decrease in thefts from autos. Police have increased patrols by security contractor in county garages.
 - The board recognized the excellent police work at recent shootings at Montgomery Mall and Aspen Hill.
5. *Silver Spring Past and Present:*
 - **Gus Bauman**, Chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from 1989 to 1993, spoke on Silver Spring’s rich history of civic involvement referencing his handout “The Silver Spring War and Rebirth: The Fall and Rise of an American Downtown”. The handout lists events that shaped Montgomery County and specifically Downtown Silver Spring from 1956 through 2010. In his recap, Mr Bauman noted that Silver Spring has earned political power through these events, as proven through the make-up of the current county council. He pointed out to the board that downtown now has everything except a Post Office branch.
 - **Peter Tan of Silver Spring Inc.**, discussed marketing and social media to build community over everyday activities and not only through civic engagement. Through TweetUps and other social media, Pete wants to advocate for Silver Spring and bring people from the virtual to the real world. One of Pete’s suggestions: “Don’t refer to things as ‘community events’. That is not a draw.”
6. *Council Reports:* Dave Asche of Tom Hucker’s office noted that:
 - Council was in the middle of the budget season. Tom was looking to raise revenue for school construction and reverse cuts to Fire/Rescue services in Burtonsville.
 - White Oak developer has not undertaken the environmental study for that sector plan.

- Tom was supporting School Loan Bill that would allow residents to Refinance State financed school loans.
7. *SSCAB Bylaws Review*: De Morrow reviewed proposed changes to the SSCAB by-laws. The review offers a good opportunity to remind the members of the mission of the board and to guide them on that mission. Individual modifications were discussed for definition of Quorum as well as circumstances for Proxy Votes and Conflicts of Interest. Watch for 'compare write version'.
 8. *Committee Reports*: A look at topics for May 23.
 - CED and Neighborhoods – Will hold upcoming meeting on Airbnb policies considered by County.
 - TREE – Will discuss Pedestrian and Bike safety issues in Silver Spring
 9. *Chair's Report*: Bernice Mireku-North will step down from the board effective July 29, 2016 as she prepares for the expansion of her family.
 - Bernice noted that Jonathan Bernstein and Uri Pasternak will organize the elections for the upcoming meeting. Candidates should contact them. All offices are open.
 - Sarah Sheppard and Phil Dittner resigned prior to May meeting. This leaves three vacancies on the board.
 10. *Director's Report*: Reemberto Rodriguez
 - June meeting will be held in Takoma Park and hosted by TKPK Mayor and City Mgr. Meeting will include discussion on three hot topics for the area: the process for Montgomery College's Master Plan for local campus, the pending move of Washington Adventist Hospital to White Oak, and an update on the Hampshire Towers
 11. *Adjourn*: 8:50