

SSCAB Meeting Summary – September 12, 2016- **DRAFT v03**

Attendance

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| ■ | DeAndre Morrow –Chair, CED | ■ | Matthew Losak- Nbrhd | | |
| ■ | Edward Levy –Vice-Chair | ■ | Abdurahman Mohammed | | |
| ■ | Mark Mendez -Secretary | ■ | Daniel Morales - SSUDAC | | |
| ■ | Jonathan Bernstein - TREE | X | Uri Pasternak | | |
| ■ | Stacey Brown - CED | ■ | Mary Ann Zimmerman | | |
| ■ | Jay Elvove | ■ | Abe Saffer- Parliamentary | | |
| ■ | Jessica Simon | | | | |

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *Welcome and Introductions:* Chair DeAndre Morrow led introductions of meeting attendees.
 - ESSCA’s Bob Colvin said that digital parking permit system was not working at all. Dave Kunes of Councilmember Hucker’s staff reported Tom had a meeting scheduled that week with DOT in response to this specific complaint.
 - Historian David Rotenstein offered he is leading a Black history tour of Silver Spring on 10/22

2. *Flower Branch Update:* Regional Director Reemberto Rodriguez provided update along with Ilana Branda of Montgomery Housing Partnership. 55 families lost everything. \$600K collected in donations from the community. Fund closing on 9/17 with Concert at Fillmore to assist in fundraising.
 - SSCAB’s Matt Losak remarked that response has been exemplary in many ways. But the follow-up story will be on the condition of buildings, can residents be assured that complaints will be addressed and will code violations be enforced.

3. *Part 1-Review of Master Planning Process- Planning Department:* M-NCPPC planning Director, Gwen Wright offered 30,000 foot view of ‘Why Do We Plan?’
 - Must address supply and demand even as population is growing more slowly- 1% per year.
 - Must fill-in the ‘gaps’ between neighborhoods - instead of Greenfield development.
 - No ‘one-size fits all’- look to create the best urban, best suburban, best rural areas.
 - Described six steps between master planning and construction.
 - M-NCPPC looking to engage ‘silent majority’ as opposed to those who regularly participate.
 - They go to County council each year to confirm their Work Program, the areas that they will study. Work Plan announced with 30 days’ notice and discussed at public hearing.
 - In Ms. Wright’s three years, 12 master plans have been completed or started.
 - Provided outlines of the process for several master plans, noting ones that had gone ‘smoothly’ and ones that had significant ‘pushback’ from residents.

4. *Part 1-Review of Master Planning Process- County Council:* Senior Legislative Analyst with the Montgomery County Council Marlene Michaelson.
 - County Council is the ultimate planner- has final say after Planning Department and Planning Board and citizen input.
 - There are 50 Master Plans in the county. Council tries to look at each of them every ten years.
 - Ms. Michaelson has worked with seven county councils, offering recommendations to the council.
 - Master Plan only offers guidance. The sectional Map amendment is the official implementation.

5. *Council Reports:* Tom Hucker recognized the board's efforts and provided updates on his work.
 - Restaurant Week and Silver Screens have been a good boost to business and built stronger sense of community
6. *Chair's Report:* DeAndre Morrow noted SSCAB's growing social media presence with Twitter and Facebook. Announced Board's October meeting focus on election information and process.
7. *Director's Report:* Reemberto Rodriguez announced the E-newsletter was expanding to fill the local news void left by the Gazette's departure. Asked attendees to share and repost and to suggest news items to include.
 - Coffield Community Day scheduled for 10/1
 - Process to replace the Old SS library was taking longer than expected. Good news is that Friends of The Library organization is selling used books from there.
 - County Parking Lot off Fenton is closing for two years as 400 housing units are built on that parcel.
 - Takoma/Langley Bus Transit Center to open in the spring.
8. *Adjourn:* 8:50