

SSCAB Meeting Summary – January 9, 2017- **DRAFT v01**

Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *Welcome and Introductions:* Meeting began at 7:00 with Chair DeAndre Morrow leading self-introductions of attendees.
2. *Previous Meeting Summary* – Minutes approved for November 14 meeting with minor edits requested by Jonathan Bernstein and Mary Anderson. Corrections made and submitted as version 03 on 1/10/17.
3. *Public Safety Report:* John Kinsley, Operations Chief MCRS gave tips on safe disposal of fireplace ashes.
4. *Preview of Summer Camps:* Elizabeth Ortega of the Dept. updated board on variety of programs.
 - January 17 is open registration for summer camps. MC hiring staff now.
 - ‘100 Mile Challenge’ is popular program creating to log 100 miles in 100 days.
 - Class offerings generally need at least 6 registrants or they are cancelled.
 - County HHS offers approx. \$1M in county benefits for those who qualify.
 - Board asked about disparities between recreation offerings in East County and West County.
5. *Report from Office of Management and Budget:* OMB representative unable to attend so Reemberto Rodriguez offered an overview of the OMB process and upcoming County Budget Public Forum on Jan. 25
 - In Feb, the board will be drafting a letter on funding recommendations for Silver Spring programs. Watch for links to budget info and prepare to study up.
 - ‘Budget is Policy’. It reveals the priorities for the county. MCPS receives 50% of the county budget because education and public schools are a priority
 - MC budget is 10% smaller than 10 years ago. All agencies have been asked to make 2% cuts in their own spending for 2017.
 - Letter does not need to be complicated. Keep it simple.
 - DeAndre Morrow asked board to submit questions/comments to him by January 16. He will compile a list to present to County Executive Leggett at January 25 budget forum.
 - Members in attendance should listen for public comments to help formulate letter of recommendations.
 - In March, board will draft same type of letter for County Council.

6. *Board Chair's Report:* DeAndre Morrow wants SSCAB to get more letters out in 2017. These will not need to take positions on issues, but should offer input to County Executive and council on topics residents feel are important.
 - Stacey Brown volunteered to research disparities in recreation department offerings at Silver Spring community and recreation centers. Stacey will draft points for inclusion in letter.
 - Jaime Robles requested that board consider supporting increased funding for libraries. Silver Spring library is a cornerstone of the community, serving diverse demographics with a variety of programs.

7. *Introduction of new board members:*
 - Mary Anderson works within MC Health and Human Services as a public affairs and communications specialist. Mary has lived in the county for 23 years.
 - Vineda Myers, a resident of Takoma Park for 16 years, works for the non-profit CHEER (Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research). She has children at Blair and TKPK Middle School.
 - Mulugeta Habtelselassie has been a Silver Spring resident since 2009. He is an economist with Kaiser Permanente.

8. *No Councilmember Updates.*

9. *Committee Reports:*
 - CED- Stacey Brown reminded that board were no committee meetings in December. Ideas for January gathering may surround request for US Post Office presence in CBD or Elizabeth House development.
 - TREE – Jonathan Bernstein confirmed that upcoming meeting would focus on transportation, possibly from a budget perspective. February topic may include Water Watch Dog group.
 - No report from Neighborhoods Committee.

10. *Regional Director's Report:* Asked board, especially new members to review the January handout of the Silver Spring Regional Area Monthly Report. He suggested board look at the 'buckets' or categories listed in bold type. Board would benefit from using this consistent terminology.

11. *Adjourn: 8:30*