

SSCAB Meeting Summary – February 13, 2017- **DRAFT v01**

Attendance

■	DeAndre Morrow –Chair	■	Matthew Losak- Nbrhd	■	Mary Anderson
X	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	■	Abdurahman Mohammed	X	Mulegeta Habteselassie
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Daniel Morales - SSUDAC	■	Donald Coffey
■	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	X	Uri Pasternak	X	Raynold Mendizabal
X	Stacey Brown - CED	X	Mary Ann Zimmerman		
■	Jay Elvove	■	Abe Saffer- Parliamentarian		
■	Jessica Simon	X	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 January 9 meeting.
3. *Public Safety Report:* No police or fire/rescue representative present to report.
4. *Dialogue with At-Large Council Member Hans Riemer:* Hans serves on the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee as well as the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee. He provided an update on programs he is currently working on:
 - Expand Pre-K for low income children-estimated at \$20M cost.
 - STEM summit at end of month. County has a STEM based economy with many immediate jobs going unfilled.
 - Bike Summit. To expand protected bike lane network.
 - Working with FCC’s advisory council to look at internet service, rates and performance broadening. Hans is Montgomery Council’s Lead for Digital Government.
 - Review of how playing fields are managed and maintained in county.
 - Neighborhood speed limits and safety. Current DOT regulations do not allow for posted speed limits less than 25 mph. State legislation from Delegate David Moon would allow for site specific speed limits, especially around schools. Neighborhoods could request a DOT study allowing for change in posted limits and engineering modifications for physical streetway.
5. *Presentation on medical marijuana dispensary:* GTI of Chicago is one of two companies awarded dispensary licenses for District 20 by the state. Pete Cadence, CEO, and Eugene Monroe, former NFL player and advocate for medical marijuana presented.
 - GTI owns and operated two dispensaries in Nevada and two in Massachusetts.
 - Description of physiologic effects of THC and CBD, the two main ingredients in marijuana.
 - Review of multiple delivery options. Edible pills are only form not yet approved in Maryland.
 - Marijuana offers safe alternative to prescription pain killers. There were over 1000 opioid-related overdose deaths in Maryland in 2016
 - There are currently twelve medical conditions listed by the state that qualify for use of medical cannabis. Typical dispensary provides onsite services to 60-150 patients/day.
 - Each dispensary created 8-10 jobs. Two are salaried the rest pay \$15-18/hour.
 - GTI donates to local organizations. Recently met with Progress Place and A Wider Circle.
 - Product cannot be transferred over state lines. Production facilities would be in Maryland.

- Delegates David Moon and Will Smith are proposing legislation to allow recreational use in 'adult clubs'
 - State Taxes and Fees have not been determined yet for this service.
6. *Board Chair's Report:* DeAndre Morrow asked for board comment on the proposed budget letter to county executive. Draft was circulated to board and those in attendance.
- Board was not clear on the 'ask' for the section on non-profit organizations nor the method to 'grade' programs for funding. It was suggested the letter could ask county to '*support the tenets of a community that values the work of non-profits*'.
 - Mary Anderson suggested that in the future these letters could be more effective if sent to county executive in December. SSCAB has traditionally tied this communication after January's Public Budget Forums to record and incorporate community feedback
 - Mary Anderson volunteered to work with Matt Losak to revise letter to include board discussion and review overall language.
 - The board voted to approve the draft letter with upcoming modifications.
7. *No Councilmember Updates.*
8. *Committee Reports:*
- CED- Elizabeth House development presentation at upcoming committee meeting.
 - TREE – Jonathan Bernstein confirmed that upcoming meeting with Water Watch Dog group.
 - Neighborhoods – County's new Renter Legislation goes into effect on March 13. Committee meeting will let renters and landlords know what to expect.
9. *Introduction of new board members:*
- Donald Coffey is a resident of Sligo Grandview. Don has lived in the county for 25 years.
10. *Regional Director's Report:* Reemberto Rodriguez reviewed how programs instituted by new federal administration would impact important topics for Silver Spring, especially in areas of immigration, affordable health care act and transportation.
11. *New Business:*
- Abdurahman Mohammed reminded board that the federal travel ban was a big issue for Ethiopian community. Many residents would normally travel home for upcoming holidays, but are uncertain and stressed about policies. Two hall meeting is being considered in Takoma Park to provide clarity and support.
 - Abe Saffer reported on community efforts to support Silver Spring resident and cancer patient Bethany Meissner. Third Space Wellness was offering massage and acupuncture and making donations to Bethany. #SSWellnessFund
12. *Adjourn:* 9:08