

SSCAB Meeting Summary – October 9, 2017- v01

Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *Welcome and Introductions:* Chair Matt Losak opened the meeting; Board and attendee introductions.
2. *Previous Meeting Summary:* September 11 meeting minutes were approved.
3. *Public Safety Report:* No representatives from Police or Fire Departments were in attendance.
4. *Neighborhood Highlight:* Jay Elvove presented an overview of North Hills of Sligo Creek.
 - Neighborhood has about 350 single-family homes, 1500 residents. Mostly built by 1950.
 - One key issue is a desire for reduced speed limit on Colesville Road, south of the beltway.
5. *Street Disruptions in Silver Spring:* Community dialogue with representatives of PEPCO, WSSC, DOT, and Silver Spring Urban District Operations. Agencies discussed ongoing and upcoming major project, followed by community questions regarding impacts and coordination.
 - PEPCO: provided a fact sheet on Takoma to Sligo Underground Line Project to increase capacity, September 2017 through December 2022.
 - WSSC: Handout on replacement of ~90yr old main under Colesville Road; Georgia Ave. to 495. 3 phases, completion date Spring 2019. Coordinating work with PEPCO project.
 - DOT: Spring St./Cedar St. bikeways now open; 2nd/Wayne Ave. project under design; studying Fenton Street, community meeting to be held in near future.
 - Urban District: contact for smaller projects, such as sidewalk issues.
 - Dialogue/Questions from the Board and Community:
 - Concerns expressed over lack of project coordination among utilities; who is the overall body in charge of coordination? County Permitting (DPS)? They couldn't attend this meeting. There isn't a true single point of count.
 - Utility Responses: WSSC working closely with PEPCO on Colesville Road impact and timing; WSSC and the County have systems where CIP projects can be inputted and tracked;
 - Specific Questions/Impacts Discussed:
 - Spring St. at Colesville Rd. paving (After UT construction)
 - Purple Line impact on String St. bridge over WMATA (Future discussion)
 - Will new traffic study be undertaken where lanes have been dropped? (Not planned at the moment)
 - Community notification provided? WSSC 72-hrs for nights and weekends (mostly non-residential), using door hangers and social media. PEPCO 2 weeks prior to blocking driveways, will outreach to businesses. Residents request less blockages and better notifications/coordination.
 - How is coordination with other utilities (Comcast, Verizon) accomplished? Utility companies are aware of these and other corridors, and also test during construction.
 - Purple Line construction impacts; to be topic at November Board meeting

- Sidewalks on Fenton, Bonifant and others are sometimes messy. Power washing can be done.
 - Resident asked about specific construction adjacent to their building; PEPCO to follow-up with them.
 - Summary: Community requests improvements to coordination and notification process, with more thought given at the County level to the impact proposed work will have on existing communities and businesses.
6. *Committee Reports/Upcoming Meetings:* To be held on Monday, October 23rd
 - CED: Talking to small business owners outside the Downtown Silver Spring area.
 - Neighborhood: Renters' Rights conversation with Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
 - TREE: Continuing the dialogue on coordination and notices to the community.
 7. *Board Chair Report:* November meeting to cover Purple Line; Community Potluck to be scheduled in December (4th Monday is Christmas). Representative from Councilmember Hucker's office noted Zoning Text Amendment for grocery store in Ripley District is on Tuesday's Council agenda.
 8. *Director's Report:* Thanksgiving Parade on November 18th (SSCAB Banner); upcoming Zombie Walk; Grant Program/Regional Center Funding for Neighborhood Events received about 15 requests.
 9. *New Business:* Reviewed draft budget priorities letter, goal is to send in about two weeks. Board comments: send to County Exec (CC Council); adjust rental housing outreach paragraph to balance focus on affordable housing overall.
 10. *Adjourn:* 8:55PM