

SSCAB Meeting Summary – November 13, 2017- v01

Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *6:15 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair Matt Losak led self-introductions of attendees. Meeting had an early start and abbreviated agenda to accommodate meeting in the Great Hall.
2. *Purple Line Overview:* Update on Purple Line for Silver Spring area.
 - Gerrit-Jan Knaap, Professor of Urban Studies and Planning and Executive Director of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland, reported that PL was a ‘tremendous opportunity for investment and growth that offered challenges in the short and long run’. PL looks to create housing opportunities for all and promises that local businesses will prosper during and after construction. The PL Corridor offers more employment than Baltimore. Housing values and taxes will go up for homes around PL stations.
 - Rob Chappell, Chief Executive of Purple Line Transit Partners, outlined the role of the various equity investment firms. He says they have an obligation to county and taxpayers to build the transit system as fast and as cost effectively as possible.
 - Jim Jewell, Construction Manager for Area 1 (Silver Spring to Bethesda), outlined the major physical elements along the route in Silver Spring. Mr Jewell reported the Spring Street and Lyttonsville Place Bridges would be completely closed to allow for faster replacement. Mr Jewell could not say what the traffic implications would be, and referred questions regarding traffic or alternate routes to DOT. Sligo Creek Bridge will be replaced in ‘phased construction’ to allow traffic to use half of the current bridge at a time. He is concerned about coordinating construction with separate Bus Rapid Transit project in the area.
 - Carla Julian, Senior Manager for Public Affairs and Community Outreach, directed attendees to get construction updates from www.purplelinemd.com or subscribe for emails.
3. *Previous Meeting Summary:* October 9 meeting minutes were approved.
4. *Prezco Neighborhood Spotlight:* Valarie Barr, VP of Rosemary Hills Neighbors’ Association provided an overview of her neighborhood.
 - 300 single family homes bordered by a series of older multifamily developments that are subsidized and listed as market-rate affordable.
 - Rosemary Hills is within the Bethesda Chevy Chase High school cluster. The local Primary (K-2) school has a 29% FARMS rate (Free and Reduced Meals) which is far higher than the local schools in the western portion of the cluster.

5. *Public Safety Fire and Rescue Report:* Division Chief of Operations John Kinsley provided an update.
 - Thanksgiving is the #1 day for kitchen fires and kitchen accidents.
 - New Smoke Detector law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2018 when the 10-year, sealed detectors will be mandatory. The older '9-volt' style detectors should no longer be available in stores. Fire Department provides these new models free of charge.
6. *Councilmember Updates:* Julio Ceron, Legislative Aide for Tom Hucker, reported on minimum wage bill passed by council that requires a \$15-an-hour minimum wage starting in 2021 for businesses with at least 51 employees, and giving smaller businesses until 2024. Asked about recent pedestrian fatality on Route 29, Mr Ceron reported that Councilmember Hucker has been pushing DOT for better lighting and has an 11/16 meeting with the head of the State Highway Administration (SHA).
7. *Discussion of SSCAB Committee Meetings:*
 - CED: October meeting convened representatives of satellite business hubs- local commercial centers outside the CBD. Upcoming 11/27 meeting will feature Visit Montgomery, the official Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County.
 - TREE: October meeting with residents covered pedestrian access concerns. Committee may join CED for discussion on tourism efforts, but is also looking at possibility of follow-up meeting with DOT and SHA to address pedestrian safety.
 - Neighborhoods: October meeting with the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) reviewed the 'Renters Have Rights' campaign. Upcoming meeting will consider how to best engage new immigrants to the community.
8. *Regional Director Report:* Regional Director Reemberto Rodriguez reminded everyone about the Annual Thanksgiving Parade to be held Saturday, Nov 19. He invited all to march with the Advisory Board.
9. *New Business:* No new business, but Chair Matt Losak confirmed that SSCAB would hold a pot luck dinner at the Civic Center on Monday, Dec 18.
10. *Upcoming meetings:* November committee meetings to be held on 11/27. Next full board meeting will be 12/11. No committee meetings scheduled for fourth Monday, December 25.
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