

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – December 11, 2017- v01

### Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *7:05 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair Matt Losak led self-introductions of attendees.
2. *Previous Meeting Summary:* November 13 meeting minutes were approved by the board.
3. *Discussion of SSCAB Committee Meetings:*
  - TREE: November meeting continued to address pedestrian safety and obstacle concerns. Committee looking for county permitting department to report on process.
  - CED: November meeting featured Visit Montgomery, the official Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County. Upcoming meeting will look at RISE summer youth employment program.
  - Neighborhoods: January meeting will consider how to best include new immigrants in the local political process.
4. *Chair Report:* Board is concerned that there is no single entity or site for residents to get information and updates on the many construction and infrastructure projects disrupting pedestrian and traffic access. A letter to County Executive and council is being drafted for board review. Matt Losak also reminded members of the potluck dinner scheduled for Dec 18 from 6:30-8:30 at the Civic Center.
5. *Regional Director Report:* Regional Director Reemberto Rodriguez reviewed the organization and event packet handed out to attendees. He suggested people check out the app NextDoor now being used by 6000 area residents. Noted the FY18-19 operating budget forum would be held January 30.
6. *Councilmember Updates:* Tom Hucker provided a council update. He is meeting with State Highway Administration (SHA) on December 15 to review lighting and safety concerns in the wake of two pedestrian fatalities along Route 29. Councilmember Hucker reminded attendees that Georgia Avenue modifications were a big part of the Forest Glen and Montgomery Hills sector plans.
7. *Prezco Neighborhood Spotlight:* Rick Larue of the Woodside Civic Association provided insights to the oldest Silver Spring neighborhood, established in in 1889. Woodside encompasses an eclectic mix of 331 homes. Concerns include pedestrian safety crossing 16<sup>th</sup> street as well as the newer plans to increase the height of the Elizabeth House project to 23 stories.

8. *Presentations from D18 and D20 State Delegates:*

- Ana Sol Gutierrez (D18) has been a state delegate for 16 years. She's concerned about the managing the buildup of development in Silver Spring. She is running for county council in 2018.
- Jheanelle Wilkins (D20) has been a delegate for almost a year. She is looking forward to bringing Earned Sick Leave and Banning the Box issues back to Annapolis discussions. Both were vetoed by Governor Hogan in this year's session.
- Senator Will Smith (D20) sponsored forty bills last year, but this year was anticipating his team would focus on closer to fifteen. He is already working on ideas to support small businesses that will be hurt by upcoming Purple Line construction. One solution suggests an income tax break for businesses, another creates a fund to offer \$10-\$15K grants (not loans) to replace lost earnings. DOT will determine which business areas have been effected. He will be asking for an additional \$1M for this fund which may prove difficult in the current fiscal environment. Senator Smith is also looking at ways to create tuition free higher education starting with community college transfers.

9. *New Business:* No new business.

10. Adjourn: 8:30 PM

*Upcoming meetings:* There will be no December committee meetings due to Christmas holiday. Next full board meeting will be January 8, 2018. Next month's committee meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday, January 22.