

SSCAB Meeting Summary – June 10, 2019- v01

Attendance

■	Matthew Losak–Chair	■	John Seelke	X	Katherine McKay
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	X	Uri Pasternak	■	Stacey Brown
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Jay Elvove		
■	Lysette House Parliamentarian	■	Patricia Germann		
■	Michelle Foster- TREE	X	Delia Aguilar		
X	Abdurahman Mohammed- Nbrhd	■	Don Slater		
■	Mulegeta Habteselassie- CED	X	Melanie Fonder Kaye		

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. 7:15 Welcome and Introductions: Chair **Matt Losak** led self-introductions at meeting held in Long Branch Community Center
2. 7:20 *Acceptance of previous meeting summary:* May minutes were approved.
3. *Public Safety/Fire & Rescue:* **Lt. Eric Bunting** of Third District reported that crime was up slightly in every category compared to 2018 through month of May. The exception was home burglaries which were down compared to a year ago. Individual who had been assaulted and found unconscious outside Society Restaurant & Lounge at 2 AM this week was in possession of a handgun. In a separate incident, a stabbing victim was found by police outside Eva Lounge but refused to speak about the incident. There was a discussion about what constitutes predatory towing as that has been the source of tension along Bonifant Street.
4. *Neighborhood Highlight:* **Morris Buster**, Community Center Director presented on Long Branch Community Center. There are 150 youth in the summer program with another 50-60 on a waiting list. He is looking to create a youth program advisory board noting that the senior advisory board has been very effective in identifying what residents want. The center will be going under renovation to be ADA compliant.
5. *Conversation with **Brad Stewart**, Provost of Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College.* With 54 thousand students over the three campuses, MC is the largest community college in the state and costs (tuition +fees) half as much as UMD College Park. 65% of students attend part-time and almost half intend to finish a four-year degree. MC's 'early college' program is a joint effort with MCPS, allowing high school students to get a taste of college courses. Provost Stewart promised to follow up with SSCAB with a suggestion or request on how the board could advocate for MC.
6. *Board Chair's Report.* **Matt Losak** led a conversation on the board's process for writing advice letters. The current pipeline starts with 1) input from the community which leads to 2) a board decision to offer advice to the county council or county executive and 3) the creation of a drafting committee. The committee's draft is 4) reviewed by the Executive Board and 5) emailed to the full board to allow for

only minor edits, before 6) coming to the full board meeting for a vote. **Pat Germann** was concerned that sometimes members were not given adequate notice and time to review and provide input during step #5 before voting. Due to jobs and other commitments, board members were not always available to review a letter on the day of the vote. It was agreed that letters should be circulated earlier. In other planning, The SSCAB's second annual Bus Tour Workshop will be held on July 13. The yearly retreat will be split over two days, with administrative process discussion held on Monday, August 12 and meeting topics planned on Saturday, August 17.

7. Regional Director's report. **Reemberto Rodriguez** called attention to the SSCAB call to fill the five open seats on the board. Deadline for applying is June 28. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Stacey Brown who was resigning from the board and current member Mulegeta Habteselassie in recognition of their work for Silver Spring.

8. *Committee Meetings Report*: No committee meetings this month due to Memorial Day holiday.
 - **Neighborhoods** –is planning to discuss immigrant issues for upcoming June meeting.
 - **TREE** –Plans a July meeting on bike and pedestrian issues. The meeting with Purple Line on construction progress, has been moved to September
 - **CED** - No June meeting

9. *New Business*: Montgomery County Councilmember **Will Jawando** is kicking off a Library Listening Tour on June 12 at the Silver Spring Library.

10. *Adjourn*: 9 PM

Upcoming meetings: The next full board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019.